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Marcella Vrabec, who earned her Bachelor’s in Management in 2010 and an Associate degree in Travel & Tourism in 2009, discussed employment opportunities at the Brown Hotel with HR Director, Marc Salmon. In addition to attending the Career Expo, he is often a guest speaker. (see page 10)

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**Culinary Arts students Lari Chumbley and Adam Schwartz enjoyed sharing a table. “The Etiquette Dinner was a blast! It taught me how to handle myself if I were out on a business lunch or dinner,” Adam stated.**

**No slurping allowed**

Current students learned valuable etiquette skills this Spring through networking and job interviews when Sullivan University recently hosted the 1st Annual Sullivan Etiquette Dinner in the banquet rooms of Gardiner Point Residence Hall.

The offices of Career Services, Student Services and Housing collaborated on this vitally important event.

**Business professionals also attended**

Students learned how to improve their formal table manners and also gained experience networking with business professionals. Leslie Smart, Director of Community Initiatives, Children’s Hospital Foundation; Mary Jo Garner, owner/operator , Tons of Fun Party Rental Company; Hazel Matthews, Director of Alumni Affairs, Sullivan University Systems, Inc.; SPC Troy Gibson, Recruiting & Retention, NCL KY National Guard; Eric Sherrard, owner Beehive Homes, and Cindy Vaughn, Louisville Symphony volunteered their time.

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**In Memoriam**

This year Sullivan University lost two of its best with the passing of Dr. Mel Kuhbander and Master Pastry Chef Walter (Spud) Rhea.

Dr. Kuhbander was a Professor of Mathematics at the Louisville campus, a position he held for more than ten years. Prior to coming to Sullivan, Dr. Kuhbander, as he was often called, built a highly distinguished career in education both domestically and abroad, serving in many leadership capacities to include several years as a Superintendent.

Dr. Kuhbander was well liked and highly respected by his students and colleagues. With Mel’s passing, the Sullivan University community has lost a dedicated, humorous, compassionate and well-loved member of the faculty.

Certified Master Pastry Chef Walter “Spud” Rhea, CMPC, CEC, CCE, AAC, passed away at his home in Florida. Chef Rhea was the first chair of the Baking & Pastry Arts department. He was named Director of Sullivan University’s National Center for Pastry Arts in 2004. In addition to winning numerous culinary and baking competitions, Chef Rhea’s well-earned recognition includes being in full alignment with the American Culinary Federation’s high-est honor, the “Chef Professionalism Award.” He retired from Sullivan in 2007.

Both Mel and Spud touched our lives and our hearts. They were sorely missed and always remembered.

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**An overview of Human Resource offerings**

by Professor Teresa Daniel, Ph.D.

Sullivan University’s Human Resource Leadership program (HRL) can help you gain the strategic, organizational, management and analytical skills required by employers today.

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