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The Buffalo State College Hospitality and Tourism Department Presents our...

17th *Annual*
AMBASSADOR AWARDS

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

5:30 pm

Burchfield Penney Art Center Auditorium

2011 Recipients

James M. Bedard III
President, Buffalo Hotel Supply Co.

Frances Siu Lan Tyau, M.A.
Associate Professor, Buffalo State College

Bob Syracuse, President
Pizza Plant Italian Pub

Keynote Speaker
Chris Vogelsang

Past Recipients

2010 Recipients

Pano Georgiadis, Owner/Operator
Panos Restaurant

Tom Tower, Owner/Operator
Tom Tower's Farm Market

Cheryl Zanghi, Director of Services
Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors
Bureau

2009 Recipients

Culinary Team
Wegmans Amherst Street Store

Mr. Ted Pietrzak, Director
Burchfield Penney Art Center

Tom Lombardo, Proprietor/Owner
Ristorante Lombardo

2008 Recipients

Ms. Renee Di Flavio, Vice President,
Education and Employment, Director,
Statler Center for Careers in Hospitality

Mr. Donald Warfe,
Restauranteur and Entrepreneur

Mr. Patrick W. Welch, Director
Veterans Services, Erie County, New York

2007 Recipients

Mr. Timothy Minahan, CCM, GM
Country Club of Buffalo

Mr. Geno and Ms. Diana Principe,
Proprietors, The Mansion on Delaware

Mr. James Weimer, Principal
Buffalo Public Schools
Emerson High School

2006 Recipients

Mr. John Connors, Vice President
AAA Western and Central New York

Mr. Kevin Cottrell, Owner & Operator
Motherland Connexions

Mr. Howard Zemsky, President
Taurus Partners LLC

2005 Recipients

Mary Lou Rath
New York State Senator

2004 Recipients

Paul A. Tokasz
New York State Assemblyman

Burt Notarius, Owner
Premier Group

2003 Recipients

Mark F. Halter, President
Kissing Bridge Corporation

David P. Hart, President & CEO
Hart Hotels, Inc.

David P. Lacki, CTP, CTI,
Director of Tourism
Visitor Development
Greater Buffalo Convention & Visitors
Bureau

2002 Recipients

Dennis DiPaolo, Owner/Operator
Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant

McI Florczak, Past Director
Buffalo Convention Center

Raul Sartini, Retired Club Manager
Brookfield Country Club

2001 Recipients

Daniel R. Franklin, General Manager
The Buffalo Club

Irwin Pastor, President
Pepsi-Cola Buffalo Bottling Corp.

Stan Rydelek, President
Niagara Falls Convention & Visitors
Bureau

2000 Recipients

Marguerite (Dispenza) Hambleton
President, CEO
AAA Central and Western New York

Jeremy M. Jacobs, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Delaware North Companies

Janet Overdorf, Interim Director
Southtowns Nutritional Services
Department, Mercy/OLV Hospital

1999 Recipients

Richard S. Geiger, President/CEO
Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau

Robert E. Rich, Jr., President
Rich Products Corporation

Donald P. Spasiano, Chairman
Department of Food Service
Administration/Restaurant Management,
ECC

1998 Recipients

Frank Gennuso, V.P. Equipment & Design
BHS Design Group, Buffalo Hotel Supply

Jean McDonnell Covelli, President
The Travel Team, Inc.

Linda Mocny, Food Service Director
Mount St. Mary's

1997 Recipients

Robert Blanchard, Chair
Hospitality Department
Johnson & Wales University

Ilio DiPaolo Restaurant and Ringside
Lounge

Russell Salvatore, Owner
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

1996 Recipients

Mark La Martina, President
US Food Service

Rudi Rainer, General Manager
Radisson Hotels

Mark Wright, Chief Executive Chef
Transit Valley Country Club

1995 Recipients

James Bedard, President
Buffalo Hotel Supply Co., Inc.

Louis Billitier, Owner
Chef's Restaurant

James Geiger, President
Four Seasons/Country Kitchens

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Dinner menu

Hand Passed:

Antipasti Brochette
Artichoke, Feta, and Peppadew in puff pastry
Creamy cucumber, tomato, prosciutto and dill salad in Endive

Wine:

Poema Cava, Spain, NV

Carving Station:

Beef Wellington

Wines:

Belasco "Ar Guentota" Malbec, Mendoza Argentina, 2007
Tenuta di Alzatura Sagrantino di Montefalco, Umbria Italy, 2005

Seafood Station:

Live Sushi, Shrimp cocktail, Oysters on the half shell, Tuna Tartar shots

Wines:

Domaine Ferret Pouilly Fuisse, Burgundy, France, 2008
Domain Haut de Sanziers Saumur Blanc, Loire Valley, France 2009
Risotto Station (Asparagus, roasted tomatoes, Truffle oil, beets, goat cheese, Brussels sprouts and caramelized onions)

Wines:

Duas Quintas Douro Red, Portugal, 2008
Rodney Strong Chalk Hill Chardonnay, Sonoma, California, 2008

Dessert Station:

Assorted mini cakes and chocolate covered strawberries

Wines:

Various Ports, and after dinner dessert wines