

2017 Scholarship Recipients in conjunction with the Hunter TAFE Foundation

Culinary Division – Chloe Jordon

Currently employed by Vitoria Hotel Hinton as an Apprentice Chef, Chloe has been working in the hospitality industry since she was fourteen years old in a variety of positions including waitress, barista and baker's assistant. In 2014 she was introduced to the commercial cookery side of hospitality, loved it and has never looked back since. Quote - "Chloe is a young woman with a driven goal to be the best in her field, who, with further guidance and experience in our industry Chloe is on her way to becoming a well sort after Chef."

Culinary Division – Hyein Park (Highly Commended Certificate)

Hyein completed her Certificate III in Commercial Cookery and Diploma of Hospitality in 2014/15 and is currently employed by Noah's on the Beach as a Chef.

In 2015 while studying with Hunter TAFE she was awarded a Crowne Plaza Scholarship and will return to TAFE this year to undertake a Bakery course and further down the track attend Newcastle University to study business management. Quote - "She is passionate and willing to learn and very eager to understand all facets of the industry. I believe one day she will be a great leader and invaluable asset for the industry."

Hospitality Division - James Doyle

James completed the Certificate III in Hospitality in December 2016 where he was consistently one of the top performing students. He is currently employed at Crowne Plaza Newcastle as a food and beverage attendant and has been continuously employed in a variety of positions since he was fifteen years old.

In November 2016 he also commenced the Level 2 Award in Wine and Spirits at Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE.

Quote – "James is a student who displays dedication to his studies and has an immense passion to succeed within the hospitality industry and has a very clear and realistic vision of how to achieve this"

Winemaking Division – Kim Williams (Highly Commended)

Kim began the Certificate IV Agriculture and the Diploma of Viticulture in 2016 and she is due to complete the course this year. Her short term goal is to achieve a ground level entry into the Hunter Wine Industry and put her new skills and knowledge based studies into practice hoping to contribute in the long term to the future excellence of grape production and appreciation of fine wines in the Hunter Valley. "With nothing but drive and commitment and a little knowledge of Viticulture, Kim has thrived during the course with excellent written assignments and exam results."

2017 Scholarship awarded by the Trevor Drayton committee independently of the TAFE Scholarships

Winemaking – Brent Hutton

Brent is 23 years of age, has worked in the wine industry since he left school in 2011, and is currently employed full time as a viticulturist at Hollydene Estate in the Upper Hunter. He graduated from Hunter Valley TAFE in 2014 as a qualified viticulturist and has since completed his certificate 3 & 4 in agriculture. He made his first wine, a Hunter shiraz, in 2016 and brought some with him today for us to enjoy. As a measure of his passion, he not only made the wine, but grew it and personally hand-picked it! He has 3 wines planned for this vintage, a Barossa Shiraz, Eden Valley Riesling and a Hunter Semillon. A young man with a great passion and bright future.