



**ACADEMICS**

**HGTC culinary students raise over \$11,000 for Study Abroad Club**

Horry-Georgetown Technical College presents the results of a recent exclusive dinner event hosted at the International Culinary Institute

of Myrtle Beach. Chef James Porter, an award-winning chef and business owner from TERRA Manor & Farm in Prescott, Arizona, visited the HGTC Grand Strand campus and worked with students and faculty.

In addition, an exclusive dinner event was hosted by instructors and students successfully raising \$11,360 for culinary students to participate in the Study Abroad program. The funds will directly support culinary students'

international experiences, allowing them to explore diverse cuisines, cultures, and culinary techniques.

"We are thrilled by the overwhelming support from our community," said Joseph Bonaparte, HGTC executive director of the International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach. "These funds will enable our students to participate in enriching study abroad opportunities, enhancing their culinary education. Right now, we are planning trips to Vienna, Austria, France and Italy for the 2024-2025 academic year."

The event, hosted on June 13, presented a unique opportunity to experience Porter's exceptional culinary talents and his dedication to sustainable and locally sourced ingredients. Local businesses, alumni and community members generously contributed to the cause. The Study

Abroad program aims to broaden students' horizons, foster cross-cultural understanding and provide hands-on learning experiences. Participants have the chance to work alongside renowned chefs, visit local markets and immerse themselves in global culinary traditions.

"We were thrilled to host Chef James Porter on our campus for an exceptional event. His culinary achievements and commitment to local businesses and sustainability served as an inspiration for our students and community. The evening not only celebrated his culinary artistry but also provided crucial support for our Study Abroad Club, promoting global learning and cultural exchange," said Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore, HGTC president.

To find out more about the HGTC International Culinary

Institute of Myrtle Beach or other HGTC programs, call 843-347-3186 or visit hgtc.edu/culinary.

**ATTRACTIONS**

**Brookgreen Gardens recognizes three Huntington Exemplary Service Award recipients**

On June 15, Brookgreen Gardens hosted a Juneteenth celebration and award ceremony where three exceptional South Carolinians were honored with the

Huntington Exemplary Service Award. Established to recognize individuals who have worked to improve race relations in South Carolina and Georgetown and Horry counties in 2023-24, this award is bestowed in tribute to the philanthropic spirit of Brookgreen's founders, Anna and Archer Huntington. In addition to the ceremony, the celebration also featured tours of Brookgreen's Gullah Geechee Gaardin, artist talks, and live jazz performances, enriching the event with cultural experiences and community engagement.

The award recipient for Georgetown County was artist and actress Natalie Daise, recognized for her lifelong dedication to promoting cul-

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Chef James Porter instructs the culinary students for fundraising dinner.

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