

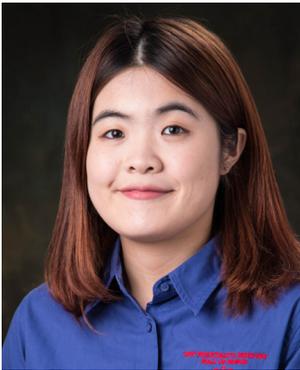
2019 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES

Over \$6,000,000 given in scholarships to date!

It's really quite amazing! NEWH, a volunteer organization of hospitality industry professionals has awarded over SIX MILLION DOLLARS in scholarships to over 2,350 students bringing new talent to the hospitality industry. The enthusiasm and hard work of hundreds of individuals and corporate friends of NEWH help fund education in varied facets of the hospitality industry: Hospitality/Restaurant Management, Interior Design, Architecture, and Culinary.

NEWH is the premier networking resource for the hospitality industry, providing scholarships, education, leadership development, recognition of excellence, and business development opportunities.

It's not just about business, it's about relationships!



MAGGIE CAI

NEWH Leadership Scholarship \$10,000

Conrad N. Hilton College
University of Houston
Hotel and Restaurant Management major

I finished both my undergraduate and graduate program in hospitality management at the Conrad N. Hilton College, University of Houston. During the time I was in Hilton College, I published two research articles related to customer satisfaction and perception of hospitality interior design. I also accumulated numerous job experiences while I was at school, working as a career development graduate assistant, collaborating closely with the director of career development and placement through planning career fair workshop information sessions and employer outreach in order to achieve the target of 96 percent career placement rate. Before that, I also worked at Hilton and Marriott properties in guest-service related positions. Currently, I am an airline and VIP specialist with DoubleTree by Hilton. My fluent bilingual skill in Chinese and English helped the property established a professional relationship with Air China through creating exclusive local travel plans with detailed tourist attractions, dining options, and transformational information. My interest in hospitality has continued. Being a project manager for new hotel developments is my dream job, and I aspire to work for challenge and innovation.

The hospitality industry is booming globally, and I'm excited about devoting what I have learned to assist more new luxury hotels opening. I'm really appreciative that NEWH, Inc. generally provides scholarships to help the students pursuing a degree related to the hospitality industry. This is not only a financial, but also an emotional, support for every recipient, myself included. I truly would like to give back to the industry with what I have learned and gained from NEWH to help students as much as I can in the future.

SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES



AJAYI OLIVER

NEWH Branded Scholarship in the name of Marriott International

\$7,500

Monroe College

Hospitality & Business Management major

I am a firm believer that through hard work and dedication many of your dreams and aspirations will be manifested. Sometimes I ask myself, "What if?" "What if I lived my life in the past, circumscribed and handicapped by the fear of failure and defeat? What if I never got back up every time I fell? For me, destiny is not a matter of choice—it is a thing to be achieved. When I think of my journey coming from the beautiful islands of the Bahamas and also coming from very humble beginnings, instantly I become empowered to succeed.

When I was 8, I lost my mom to a brain aneurysm. This misfortune impacted my young life tremendously. I made a vow not only to myself, but to my mom, to become a successful, productive citizen in our society. It was in that moment, I decided to apply much of my time and attention to the principles of education. I strongly believe that education is indeed the foundation of one's success. My passion for the hospitality industry came from my background, being from the Bahamas. Ultimately, this was one of the main inspirations which made me chose my major. Much of my work experiences have come from me working within the hospitality industry—ranging from serving at a restaurant to working at the front desk of a hotel.

I aspire to become a successful restaurateur. I have always been fascinated with working within the restaurant industry, and one day I hope to own one of my own. My goal is to provide guests with exceptional customer service in a soothing, friendly environment.



TAYA MILLER

NEWH Branded Scholarship in the name of IHG

\$7,500

University of Central Florida

Hospitality Management major

I am someone who is constantly working to achieve something greater. These dreams that I create may be seemingly unrealistic to others, although I work extremely hard to make them happen. I have dedicated my life to continuing to make something greater out of myself—the second that I achieve a goal, I create a new one that drives me to complete something better. To me, life is about creating something that is better than myself—something that will make dreams happen for others. That is why I chose hospitality management as my major.

All of my work experience has been in the hospitality industry—ranging from serving at a restaurant to representing a marine biology program by being an ambassador. This past year, I made the leap to move far away from my home to pursue my dream. Since being at the University of Central Florida, I have been given countless opportunities that I am infinitely thankful for. I have joined clubs that pertain to my major, attended conferences and workshops, networked with many professionals, and have gained the access to get experience in the fourth-largest hospitality city in the United States. These opportunities would not be possible for me without the scholarship that I received from NEWH and so, once again, I am greatly thankful.

In the future, I aspire to work in the theme park industry to develop new, innovative ways to not only appeal to guests, but to better guest experience. The creative side of the marketing and sales sector interests me, and so a master's degree for this specification is something I also aspire to. Based on my interest in the creative side of marketing and sales along with my interest to make guests experiences phenomenal, my future dream job is the director of the sales team for Walt Disney World.