

Chinese Delegation Visits Eden Prairie Campus as Part of U.S. Visit

Exploring potential business and educational ties to Eden Prairie, six delegates from Loudi, a city in China's Hunan Province, visited Eden Prairie February 23 and 24. The first day was devoted to business and the second day of the visit focused on education, including lunch and a tour at the HTC campus.

The visit was a direct result of Governor Tim Pawlenty's trade mission to China and was organized by Habitat for Technology (www.habitatfortechology.com), an Eden Prairie organization founded five years



Interim president, Ronald Kraft presents one of the Chinese delegates with a plaque.

ago intended to connect city, school and business interests. Partners include HTC, Eden Prairie Schools, the City of Eden Prairie, the Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce and local technology businesses. HTC presidents have been active members of the Habitat board of directors.

"This adds to our global perspective as educators and as a community," said Ron Kraft, HTC interim president, who spent time with the delegates during their visit. "It's interesting to think of the opportunities that could come from this relationship." Possibilities he noted included the acceptance of international students from China at HTC, the development of online courses, or the development of specific training through HTC's Customized Training Services that could be presented here or in China.



Chef Carlo Castagneri

Chef Carlo Castagneri Honored

Chef Carlo Castagneri, CEC, CCE, AAC, Culinary Arts instructor at HTC, has been honored with lifetime membership in the Honorable Order of the Golden Toque, the highest acclaimed recognition a chef can receive in the United States. The induction ceremony will take place in September at the organization's annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Castagneri joined the HTC Culinary Arts program as an instructor in 1979 and now oversees students in the program's third semester, where training is concentrated in the college's gourmet dining room.

"I appreciate this recognition," said Castagneri. "This is an industry filled with dedicated and talented professionals, and I consider this a real honor." The Golden Toque was originally founded in France and was brought to this country by Chef Pierre Berard. Membership is restricted to 100 lifetime members. To be considered for the honor, a chef must be nominated by three active members and then go through a lengthy screening process before being granted membership.



Interim president, Ron Kraft, Greg Vanna, Minneapolis Public Schools and Jerry Johnson, Hennepin Technical College.

College Forms Printing Industry Partnership with Minneapolis Public Schools

In February, HTC announced it was entering into a printing industry partnership with Minneapolis Public Schools to strengthen career and technical programming offered by both institutions in printing and prepress technology.

HTC is a Center for Excellence for Printing Education in Minnesota and is the only metro area public college offering a printing program. Five Minneapolis high schools (Edison, Henry, North, South and Southwest) are now articulated with the HTC Printing program, which means students taking printing and graphics classes at these schools get full college credit for them when they enter the Printing program at HTC.

"Student interest is very high and the Minneapolis faculty and administration are also extremely supportive," said HTC Instructor Gary Mohn, "This is proving to be a very productive effort for all of us."

"Printing is the second largest industry in Minnesota and it offers highly skilled individuals outstanding career opportunities," said HTC Dean Tom Girtz. "Our goal is to introduce students to the printing industry and what it has to offer."

For information about the HTC Printing and Prepress program, visit www.htcprinting.com

Dalen Asche Receives Horticulture Educators Award

HTC Floral Careers Instructor Dalen Asche received the Bruce Beresford Horticulture Educators Award from the Minnesota State Horticultural Society at the society's state awards and recognition event February 4. Asche, who retired in May after teaching at the college since 1976, was recognized for the number of students he has taught and helped prepare for successful careers in the industry, as well as for his personal contribution to the industry. The award is named for University of Minnesota Crookston Professor Bruce Beresford and honors a person who has served gardeners as an educator for at least 15 years.

"Seeing former students succeed is very rewarding," said Asche, who was instrumental in developing the Floral program at HTC. As a professional florist, he served on the program's advisory committee before joining the college as an instructor.



Dalen Asche, HTC Floral Careers Instructor

Articulation Agreement with Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall

HTC has developed an articulation agreement with Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, that will help Culinary Arts students transfer credits as they pursue a bachelor's degree in culinology at the university.

A relatively new field, culinology blends the science and technology associated with food production and preservation with the culinary artistry and visual eye associated with a master chef. Southwest Minnesota State University now accepts the largest number of student credits from HTC's Culinary Arts A.A.S. program, making it easier for HTC's Culinary Arts graduates to complete their bachelor's degree.