



Welcome to this special edition of the FTH Skills Council Newsletter in celebration of the exceptional achievements announced at the 2008 South Australian Training Awards gala dinner on 5th September.

CONGRATULATIONS

APPETITE FOR SUCCESS – South Australian Training Initiative Award

John Cassebohm, Executive Officer FTH Skills Council and Derrick Casey, TAFESA General Manager Education Programs and Services proudly accepted the DEEWR South Australian Training Initiative Award for the Appetite for Success program.



The Appetite for Success program addresses the high turnover of chefs and cooks in the hospitality industry, which has led to a national shortage of skills in the industry sector. The key aims are to develop future young industry leaders and to help retain qualified staff by focusing on the participants personal and professional development. This is achieved through business planning, mentoring and well-being support. It is a self-sustaining "rolling" program in that participants are encouraged to become mentors once they have completed their courses.

As most of you would by now be aware, the Appetite for Success Program was a joint initiative of FTH Skills Council, TAFESA and Strategon. The program is currently seeking participants and mentors for 2008/09. Please contact us if you would like further information.

PERNOD RICARD PACIFIC – South Australian Employer of the Year



Sylvia Healy, HR Manager Pernod Ricard Pacific and Committee Member of the FTH Skills Council Food & Beverage Committee happily accepted the Channel 9 Employer of the Year Award.

Pernod Ricard Pacific is one of the worlds leading wine and spirit companies, with a large portfolio of international brands. In Australia, the company has 1200 employees working across the wine industry from cellar operators to marketing staff. A network of skills and committed on-site workplace trainers and assessors, combined with successful partnerships with local registered training organisations, has enabled the company to provide quality training to its entire staff. The company makes a large commitment to direct and indirect costs, demonstrating its commitment to training and recognising that there is a significant return on training investment. They have adopted a demand-driven approach to workforce planning and understand that capturing the skills and workforce needs of the wine industry and translating them into training options are keys to meeting the challenges of seasonal employment and external forces.

We are sure you will join us in congratulating all of the finalists in the 2008 South Australian Training Awards and wish them well when they represent SA at the 2008 Australian Training Awards being held in Darwin on November 20.

Regards

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