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Terry Campus Instructor Awarded

DOVER- Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus Culinary Arts Department Chair Edward J. Hennessy has received the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Delaware's College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy (CHEP).

“He (Hennessy) is a true professional, committed to the hospitality industry and very active in its charity events. He is a dedicated educator who enthusiastically shares his love of food and the culinary arts with his students and the larger community,” University of Delaware Hospitality Alumni Association Secretary Paula Frechette said during the college's Alumni Evening on March 5.

Hennessy, a Certified Executive Chef in the American Culinary Federation and member of the American Academy of Chefs, has held various executive chef positions from 1974-1994 in New York and Delaware and co-owned a catering company. He began instruction at the Delaware Technical & Community College, Stanton Campus in 1994 and in 2004 the college awarded him an Excellence in Teaching Award. He now chairs the Culinary Arts Department at Terry Campus in Dover.

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According to Hennessy, helping students discover and maintain a passion for their professional careers is a significant way to address the labor challenges the hospitality industry faces such as recruiting and retaining long-term employees.

“When educators define and promote standards of excellence in the classroom students become more passionate and enthusiastic about their work,” Hennessy said.

“We are fortunate to have such an accomplished staff teaching our students,” Delaware Tech Vice President and Terry Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson said.

CHEP Dean Timothy Barnekov complimented the high caliber of the alumni award recipients. He said they represent the CHEP ideal by seamlessly combining education and research with service in their careers and their lives

The University of Delaware also awarded Delaware Secretary of Transportation Carolann Wicks a 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award during the Alumni Evening. Until 2006 she was the Department of Transportation’s first female Chief Engineer, the department’s highest-ranking staff position.

Terry Campus now offers students the opportunity to earn an associate’s degree in culinary arts. Students in the program gain experience in cooking and kitchen management and will be qualified for careers as station chefs, pastry chefs, executive chefs and more.

For more information about the culinary arts program at Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus, visit www.dtcc.edu/terry/culinary.

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