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**Tech Prep Delaware supports the Terry Campus with \$25,000 Grant**

DOVER- Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus culinary arts program recently received a \$25,000 grant from Tech Prep Delaware.

Tech Prep Delaware is a public education institution whose mission is to improve the career options and earning potential of the state's youth, therefore strengthening Delaware's economy. The program enables students to attain high technical and academic standards by combining the strengths of technical education and career training programs through articulation agreements and grants.

The organization gives money to meet classroom requirements for capital equipment, software and instructional materials for schools as one way to accomplish its mission. The Terry Campus utilized a previous Tech Prep grant to renovate the culinary arts dining room and upgrade the technology used as teaching aids.

According to College Vice President and Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson, this grant will be used to further enhance the campus's state-of-the-art culinary arts kitchen and serving area. These improvements will provide a realistic, professional setting in which to train students.

“Our culinary arts kitchen is one-of-a-kind in Delaware,” he said. “Students are trained in a professionally-equipped kitchen that is supplemented with unique technology to enhance learning.”

A video camera and monitors placed throughout the kitchen ensure that each student can clearly see the instructor demonstrate culinary techniques as they put those techniques into practice. Professional dining service for faculty, staff and guests of the college, retail sales of student-produced food items, and special event catering all happen on campus to prepare culinary students for “real world” experience.

“We want to bring physical standards up to professional standards for a teaching environment that is as similar to the real world as possible,” Culinary Arts Department Chair Chef Ed Hennessy said. With this goal in mind, Chef Ed has included instruction of customer service, cost control, menu planning and purchasing to prepare students for kitchen management.

Dr. Lydia Tucker, Tech Prep Delaware executive director, recently took a tour of the Terry Campus culinary arts kitchen. She said Tech Prep has the resources to further spread the word about the excellent education opportunities the culinary program has to offer. “There is such a need for this,” she said. “We’re looking for new pathways to new partnerships.”

“And we look forward to making the facilities open to more and more people,” added Mr. Simpson. “Our relationship with Tech Prep Delaware will aid in that goal.”

To find out more about Tech Prep Delaware visit [www.techprepdelaware.org](http://www.techprepdelaware.org).

For more information about the Terry Campus culinary arts program go to [www.dtcc.edu/terry/culinary](http://www.dtcc.edu/terry/culinary).