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CAFP TO HONOURS TOP STUDENT IN CALGARY

Toronto, Ontario July 23, 2009 -The Canadian Association of Foodservice Professionals / Association canadienne des professionnels des services alimentaires (CAFP/ACPSA) announced Melanie McIlroy the National Aramark Gold Plate award winner for 2009. The announcement was made at the National CAFP Conference at the Delta Bow Valley in Calgary in June. This award recognizes the top post-secondary student studying to become food service professional.

Winners of this prestigious award are judged based on the following criteria: scholastic achievement, association involvement, industry experience, commitment to the industry and a member in good standing as well as an industry related essay.

Melanie has been actively involved with her CAFP Junior Branch at George Brown College, holding various positions including Fundraising Coordinator in her first year, Vice President in her second year, and finally as the president-elect this past year. Melanie has completed many programs at George Brown College including; baking and pastry arts, Chef training, Food and Nutrition management, Special events planning for destination tourism and hospitality, and tourism and leisure.

While going to school Melanie works part-time holding down two jobs. She works as a dietary aid and relief cook at a Long Term Care facility, as well as a tour operator with Insight Vacations. With all this activity, Melanie has maintained a solid 'A' average.



2009 National Gold Plate Award Winner

Pictured above is Brian Emmerton presenting the National Gold Plate to the 2009 winner, Melanie McIlroy.

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About CAFP:

CAFP provides unlimited opportunities to students pursuing careers in foodservice, hospitality, nutrition and dietetics, and culinary, the opportunity to network and develop life long contacts through its various student programs and services.

The Canadian Association of Foodservice Professionals / Association canadienne des professionnels des services alimentaires (CAFP/ACPSA) is a national association whose mission is to promote professional and personal growth and develop alliances leading to excellence in the Foodservice and Hospitality Industry.

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