TIM School Signs 3+2 Agreement

As part of our international outreach, TIM recently signed “3+2” agreements with two Tourism Management programs at prestigious universities in China: South China Normal University in Guangzhou and Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, one of the top-ranked universities in China. The program at SCNU enrolls over 500 undergraduates and specializes in international tourism and hotel management, and the program at ZJU is highly selective, admitting only 20 students per year.

Under the 3+2 program, selected undergraduate students on the China campuses who have completed their junior year are given early admission to TIM’s graduate program. Students spend their senior year at UHM completing the graduation requirements of their home campus while beginning the Master of Science in TIM. At the end of five years (3+2), graduates will have completed both their Bachelor degree at their home campus in China and their Master degree in TIM at UHM.

These recent agreements continue TIM’s commitment to international education and research. Since 2003, the TIM School has signed agreements with over three dozen universities and tourism organizations throughout the world, including in Asia, Southeast Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

TIM Alumni: Socials & Networking Events

Recently, TIM alumni have come together for social events as well as a student club networking event. In celebration of the TIM School’s 50th anniversary, UH Foundation Senior Director of Development Harriet Cintron and TIM School Dean Tom Bingham invited alumni from 1967 & 1968 to come back to the TIM School for a small coffee hour. It was a great networking opportunity as well as a chance for these alumni to reminisce about what the TIM School was like back.

On Wednesday, October 21, alumni attended a mentoring/networking...
Jeremy Tomono (BS ’14), once a Presidential Scholar at UH Mānoa, is working as a Department Trainer for the ARIA Sky Suites, which is a Forbes Five-Star “hotel within a hotel” in Las Vegas, Nevada. Upon graduation, he participated in the management-training program at the ARIA Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. He rotated through 25 departments during the one-year program to learn about the operations of a 4004-room luxury casino resort. At the end of the program, Jeremy was placed as a Supervisor in ARIA Sky Suites. After spending six months supervising evening and overnight shifts, he was promoted to department trainer. His duties include new hire training, re-training, quality control audits, recognition programs, and analysis of guest feedback.

Jeremy attributes much of his success to his time at the TIM School, where he gained leadership, organization, analysis, and teamwork skills through a combination of fantastic professors, intensive group projects, real-world internships, and extracurricular activities. “All of my professors challenged me to go beyond just memorizing a textbook, but to think critically about how to apply business concepts in the hospitality industry. Group projects taught me how to work with others that may be different from me, lead a team, and respectfully discuss differences in ideas -- all skills that I now use on a daily basis,” stated Jeremy. As a student, Jeremy was very enthusiastic and proactive, doing internships with Starwood, Mauna Lani, Four Seasons, and ARIA giving him a realistic view of how hotels operate, and helped me to smoothly transition into the industry upon graduation. He was also very active and participated in multiple extracurricular activities (such as student government, American Hotel & Lodging Association, and Eta Sigma Delta), which he said helped develop him as a leader and taught him time management skills.

His advice to students is “to get as involved as possible because your college experience is what you make of it. Take every opportunity to develop yourself, as it will make you a stronger leader in the future. Once you dive into this fast-paced industry, the expectations of you are extremely high, and you want to ensure you are as prepared as possible to succeed.”

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