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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST CERTIFIED TOURISM PROFESSIONALS AND JOURNEYPersonS RECENTLY HONOURED AT THE 2009 PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION DINNERS**

REGINA and SASKATOON: On June 8 in Regina and June 15 in Saskatoon, the Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council, a division of Tourism Saskatchewan, celebrated the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Professional Recognition Dinners. The dinners honour individuals who have achieved *emerit* Professional Certification or Journeyperson status in a tourism-related occupation in the province over the past year. To obtain Professional Certification, candidates are required to write an occupational knowledge exam based on the National Occupational Standard for their profession, successfully complete a performance evaluation, and work a specified number of hours. To complete an apprenticeship and become a Journeyperson, the training commitment is even greater. Congratulations to all!

#### **Professional Certification Honourees**

##### **Batoche National Historic Site**

*Heritage Interpreter*  
Donna Tessier, Bellevue

##### **Boston Pizza Regina**

*Bartender*  
Curtis Bateson, Regina

*Food and Beverage Server*  
Curtis Bateson, Regina

##### **Casino Moose Jaw**

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*  
Noreen Stephen, Moose Jaw

##### **Casino Regina**

*Guest Services Attendant*  
Tongdy Phommavong, Regina  
Starla Whitehead, Regina

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*

Tammy Bruce, Craven  
Muriel Favel, Regina  
Daniel Krueger, Regina  
James Watson, Regina

**Cava Secreta**

*Food and Beverage Server*

Robert Peterson-Wakeman, Saskatoon

**CNT Management Group Inc, Regina**

*Event Manager*

Claire Bélanger-Parker, Regina

**Crowe Connections, Regina**

*Event Coordinator*

Patricia Crowe, Regina

**Days Inn, Regina**

*Front Desk Agent*

Kathleen Klein, Regina  
Shaun Smith, Regina

*Housekeeping Room Attendant*

Leslie Dawn Wirth, Regina

*Reservation Sales Agent*

Kathleen Klein, Regina  
Shaun Smith, Regina

**Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon**

*Banquet Server*

Matthew Fehr, Saskatoon  
Murtiningish Griffith, Saskatoon

*Line Cook*

Eric Malin, Saskatoon

**Gold Eagle Lodge, North Battleford**

*Front Desk Agent*

Claudia Baptiste, North Battleford  
Kelly Panton, North Battleford  
Robbie-Lynn Teskey, North Battleford

*Housekeeping Room Attendant*

Julia Applegarth, North Battleford  
Roberta Johnson, North Battleford

*Reservation Sales Agent*

Claudia Baptiste, North Battleford

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*  
Claudia Baptiste, North Battleford

*Tourism Supervisor*  
Claudia Baptiste, North Battleford

**Handyman Events, Saskatoon**

*Sales Manager*  
Elin Shearer, Saskatoon

**Heritage Inn, Moose Jaw**

*Front Desk Agent*  
Hazel Hack, Moose Jaw  
Peggy Rolfe, Moose Jaw

*Reservation Sales Agent*  
Hazel Hack, Moose Jaw

**Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza, Regina**

*Guest Services Attendant*  
Justin Nenson, Regina

**Painted Hand Casino, Yorkton**

*Food and Beverage Server*  
Asini Wakos, Springside

**Radisson Hotel Saskatoon**

*Banquet Server*  
Albert "Jo" Cowley, Saskatoon

**Ramada Hotel and Golf Dome, Saskatoon**

*Reservation Sales Agent*  
Andrea Campbell, Saskatoon

**Riviera Motor Inn, Saskatoon**

*Front Desk Agent*  
Sharon Burant, Saskatoon  
Jenny Dickerson, Saskatoon

*Reservation Sales Agent*  
Sharon Burant, Saskatoon  
Jenny Dickerson, Saskatoon  
Stella Williamson, Saskatoon

**Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority, Saskatoon**

*Tourism Trainer*  
Ari Avivi, Saskatoon

**Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council**

*Bartender*

Lorian Kennedy, Saskatoon

*Food and Beverage Server*

Lorian Kennedy, Saskatoon

**Saskatoon Inn**

*Front Desk Agent*

Katie Diehl, Saskatoon

*Reservation Sales Agent*

Meagan Bull, Saskatoon

**Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority**

*Sales Manager*

Rebecca May, Saskatoon

**Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon**

*Food and Beverage Manager*

Tanya Tucker, Saskatoon

**Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, Moose Jaw**

*Front Desk Agent*

Katelyn Basky, Moose Jaw

Mandy Bye, Moose Jaw

Samantha Luker, Moose Jaw

Ted Scheidegger, Moose Jaw

*Guest Services Attendant*

Dustin Fleischakker, Moose Jaw

*Sales Manager*

Nicole Laybourne, Moose Jaw

Lee Peeler, Moose Jaw

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*

Cheryl Chase, Moose Jaw

Michelle Schnellback, Moose Jaw

*Tourism Supervisor*

Sharon Salisbury, Moose Jaw

**The Drink Nightclub, Regina**

*Bartender*

Yaya Wang, Regina

**The Rockin' Horse Cookhouse, Maple Creek**

*Bartender*

Keri Coderre, Maple Creek

**The Saskatoon Club**

*Bartender*

Denise Lautner

*Food and Beverage Server*

Denise Lautner, Saskatoon

**Tourism Prince Albert**

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*

Donna Hordyski, Prince Albert

**Tourism Regina**

*Sales Manager*

Alison Fraser, Regina

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*

Peggy Henderson, Regina

**Tourism Saskatchewan**

*Sales Manager*

Bob Kadis, Saskatoon

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*

Sheree Conley, Saskatoon

Joann McDonell, Langenburg

**Travelodge Hotel and Conference Centre, Regina**

*Reservation Sales Agent*

Kaly Meyer, Regina

**Travelodge Hotel Saskatoon**

*Front Desk Agent*

Ullas Raj Chellappan, Saskatoon

*Housekeeping Room Attendant*

Daniela Costa Rick, Saskatoon

Marisa Oriundo, Saskatoon

**Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw**

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*

Denise Hanley, Moose Jaw

David Samson, Moose Jaw

*Tourism Supervisor*  
Debbie Ridley

**Western Development Museum, North Battleford**

*Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor*  
Joyce Smith

**Independent**

*Bartender*  
Kristin Dahlem  
Vivyan Immelman  
Benjamin Williamson

*Food and Beverage Server*  
Kristin Dahlem  
Vivyan Immelman  
Benjamin Williamson  
Ross Willness

*Line Cook*  
Darcy Neufeld  
Aaron Postlethwaite

**Journeyperson Honourees**

Sharon Burant, *Guest Services Representative*  
Riviera Motor Inn, Saskatoon

Andrea Campbell, *Guest Services Representative*  
Ramada Hotel and Golf Dome, Saskatoon

Jenny Dickerson, *Guest Services Representative*  
Riviera Motor Inn, Saskatoon

Hazel Hack, *Guest Services Representative*  
Heritage Inn, Moose Jaw

Lorian Kennedy, *Food and Beverage Person*  
Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council

Ruth Klassen, *Food and Beverage Person*  
Saskatoon Inn

Tim Ouellette, *Food and Beverage Person*  
Tourism Saskatchewan

Gordon Salminen, *Food and Beverage Person*  
Casino Regina

Tara Stauble, *Guest Services Representative*  
Travelodge Hotel Saskatoon

Benjamin Williamson, *Food and Beverage Person*  
Independent, Saskatoon

**2009 Canadian Institute of Travel Counsellors Honourees**

***Travel Counsellor Professional Certification***

**CAA Saskatchewan**

Melissa Balogh, Regina  
Angel Denis, Domremy  
Tara Schmidt, Colonsay  
Rose Ann Yanke, Yorkton

**Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Regina**

Sandra Seckler, Regina

**Uniglobe Carefree Travel, Saskatoon**

Czarina Alikhan, Saskatoon  
Marcy Melnyk, Saskatoon  
Heather Peters, Saskatoon

**Universal Career College, Saskatoon**

Rona Schultz, Saskatoon

**2009 Ambassador Awards**

Special congratulations to those outstanding certified professionals who demonstrate exemplary dedication to professional development in Saskatchewan's tourism sector. The recipients of the 2009 Ambassador Awards are:

Claudia Baptiste, Accommodation, Gold Eagle Lodge, North Battleford  
Albert Jo Cowley, Food and Beverage Services, Radisson Hotel Saskatoon  
Donna Hordyski, Travel Services, Tourism Prince Albert  
Robert Peterson-Wakeman, Food and Beverage Services, Cava Secreta  
Kathy Rozenkranz, Travel Services, Tourism Saskatchewan

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