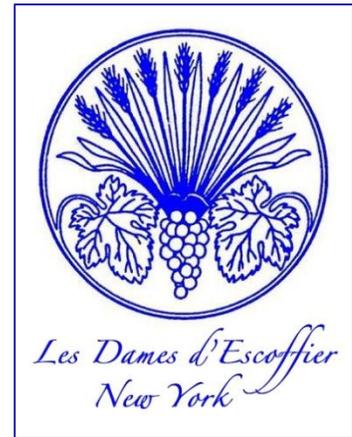


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Les Dames d'Escoffier New York Chapter Awards 23 Scholarships

New York, NY – Les Dames d'Escoffier New York ([LDNY](#))—founding and largest chapter of [Les Dames d'Escoffier International](#)—a philanthropic organization whose members encompass women of achievement in the fine food, beverage and hospitality industry, awarded 23 scholarships to students pursuing careers in the culinary and hospitality fields at a summer reception held at the International Culinary Center.



Partnering colleges this year included the ICC (founded as The French Culinary Institute), Cornell, New York University, The Culinary Institute of America, the Institute of Culinary Education, Montclair State University, City University of New York: City Tech and Kingsborough, and the International Wine Center. Scholarships ranged from \$1,500 to \$5,000. While majority of scholarship money comes from the LDNY membership, generous corporate scholarships are provided by the American Roland Company, Melitta, and the Society of Wine Educators.

Scholarship applicants write an essay describing their achievements and career goals as well as their qualifications. Ambitions run the gamut, from owning a bakery or a chocolate shop, to becoming chefs, sommeliers, restaurant managers, or educators. Some are inspired by altruistic ideals, such as working to promote sustainability or to improve health, nutrition and prevent obesity. Many are young students, others are career changers, and a few are mothers balancing family life, work, and studies. “The preparation and dedication they give to shaping their future career,” says LDNY president Margaret Happel Perry, “tell us they will, indeed, change the world, our industry, and the lives of others.”

Reception hors d'oeuvres—prepared by the ICC—included bite-size lobster rolls, crab cakes with coconut-mango chutney, heirloom tomato tarte tatin, and duck confit quesadillas. An international small plates station featured asparagus tips with romesco sauce, spiced marcona almonds, sherry-shallot-grilled chicken pinchos, tzatiki, grissini and bruschetta.

All 23 recipients have been matched to LDNY members who volunteer themselves as mentors throughout the year. To learn more about LDNY scholarship program, the application process and ongoing sponsorship opportunities, visit www.ldny.org.



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