



*Les Dames d'Escoffier
New York*

Les Dames d'Escoffier/New York Scholarship Awards Announced for Women Pursuing Careers in Food, Wine and Hospitality

Event Honoring 2014 Winners Held at International Culinary Center in New York

New York, NY, July 10, 2014...Les Dames d'Escoffier New York, the first and largest chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier International, a 40-year old organization supporting women leaders in the food wine and hospitality industries, today awarded more than \$93,000 to 29 women at a gala event at the International Culinary Center in New York.

"The annual scholarship awards offer LDNY our proudest moments as we provide women the ability to pursue their dreams to become leading members of the food, wine and hospitality industries," said Margaret Happel Perry, President of the LDEI New York Chapter and host of the award ceremony.

The LDNY Scholarship Committee event drew both the award winners and benefactors, which included major corporations, schools, food, wine and hospitality organizations and individual donors. Corporations that donated scholarships included Melitta USA, Gaggenau USA, the Society of Wine Educators, Judith B. Prince and the Dunn Robbins Group. In partnership with LDNY, culinary and wine scholarships were given by the Culinary Institute of America, the International Culinary Center, the Institute of Culinary Education and the International Wine Center. Individual members of the Les Dames d'Escoffier's New York chapter donated personal scholarships.

Awards ranged from \$1000 to \$10,000 for a variety of talents and skills and career goals. In addition to scholarships, each winner is given the opportunity to be mentored by a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier's New York chapter whose experience complements the recipient's career goals.

The LDNY Scholarship Committee began awarding scholarships in 1977 and the annual amount has grown to reach the \$93,000-plus given this year.

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LDNY Scholarship Committee Chairs, Linda Lawry (last row on right) and Karen Goodlad (last row, left) with 14 of the evening's 29 scholarship recipients.

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Les Dames d'Escoffier/New York is the founding and largest chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier International, which began in 1973 as the first organization devoted to professional women in wine, food and hospitality at a time when women were not recognized as leaders in those industries. It is an invitational volunteer organization whose mission is to inspire, empower and mentor women, enabling them to pursue careers in the culinary and hospitality professions through higher education.