

Orlando Culinary Academy Graduate Honored with the CCA 2008 Great Award in Washington, DC

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Career College Association Recognized Kristen Grissom for Academic Persistence, Excellence and Achievement

ORLANDO, FL - The Orlando Culinary Academy announces that Kristen Grissom, Orlando, Class of 2007, was honored with the Graduate Recognition for Excellence, Achievement and Talent (GREAT) Award by the Career College Association (CCA) in Washington, DC.

The 2008 GREAT Award recognizes highly motivated, career college students who have overcome extraordinary obstacles to achieve their higher education career goals. Grissom's career path took a turn once she was diagnosed with a life threatening illness. With the encouragement of her husband and family, she enrolled at the Orlando Culinary Academy to pursue a culinary education, her true passion. Her determined persistence, leadership and love for culinary assured her full-time position at the prestigious Ritz Carlton in Orlando upon graduation.

"I'm honored to have received CCA's 2008 GREAT Award," said Kristen Grissom. "Because of Orlando Culinary Academy's flexible curriculum, dedicated faculty and student support, I achieved my goal of graduating with honors and working alongside top culinary chefs at the Ritz Carlton."

The Orlando Culinary Academy is a member of the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools (FAPSC).

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About Career College Association (CCA)

CCA is a voluntary membership organization of private, postsecondary schools, institutes, colleges and universities that provide career-specific educational programs. CCA has over 1,400 members that educate and support more than a million and a half students each year for employment in over 200 occupational fields. To learn more about CCA, visit www.career.org

About Orlando Culinary Academy

Established in 2002, Orlando Culinary Academy is a premier culinary arts school, providing Le Cordon Bleu training in a hands-on, small classroom environment. Orlando Culinary Academy offers specialized Associate Degrees in Le Cordon Bleu Pâtisserie and Baking, Le Cordon Bleu Hospitality and Restaurant Management, and Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts. Orlando Culinary Academy is an affiliate of Le Cordon Bleu Schools North America, one of the largest providers of quality culinary arts education. Few institutions possess the distinguished reputation of Le Cordon Bleu, the renowned cooking school with Parisian roots dating back to 1895. The campus is over 30,000 square feet, equipped with computer labs and instructional, industry current kitchens and located close to downtown Orlando. Orlando Culinary Academy is a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of universities, colleges and schools. For more information, please call 407-888-4000 or log on to: www.orlandoculinary.com.

About Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools

The Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC) represents over 300 degree granting and 500 non-degree granting career schools and colleges. Licensed by the state, these schools educate and prepare over 265,000 students each year for employment in more than 200 occupational fields. The program and degree offerings include short-term certificate and diploma programs, associate and baccalaureate degrees and masters and doctoral programs. www.fapsc.org