

**“AN EVENING IN TUSCANY” DINNER TO RAISE FUNDS  
FOR SUNY DELHI SCHOLARSHIPS**

**DELHI, NY ...** The State University of New York at Delhi will host “An Evening in Tuscany” on Thursday, April 3, at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Hall Hospitality Center on the SUNY Delhi campus. Proceeds from the evening’s festivities will benefit the Kevin Zraly Scholarship Endowment, which supports SUNY Delhi students in their pursuit of a Hospitality Management education.

“It’s an evening of regional cuisine prepared by guest chef Don Antinore and our own award-winning culinary team. Fine wine pairings will be presented by Christopher Kearney and our banquet catering students will provide the service,” said Rosalie Higgins, dean of business and hospitality management at SUNY Delhi. “This year’s dinner theme will make you feel as if you’ve been transported to the rustic vineyards of Italy.”

Chef Don Antinore, CEC, CCE, AAC, has planned a five-course meal beginning with an appetizer course of seared striped bass with white bean ragout and an intermezzo course of grape *granita*. The main course is a marinated and grilled veal rib chop with fresco tomato sauce and wild asparagus, leeks and roasted fingerling potatoes. This will be followed by a trinity of Tuscan cheeses nestled in lightly-dressed micro greens, and an assortment of decadent Tuscan desserts. A different wine will be paired with each course.

A son of Italian immigrants, Chef Antinore’s culinary career has spanned over 30 years, although his first career was teaching art, history and English at the secondary level. He first began working professionally as a chef at Monroe Golf Course—a prestigious country club in Pittsford, N.Y.—for 14 years and from there took a position as corporate chef with Palmer Food Services in Rochester. He currently serves as the principal instructor for The Cooking School in LeRoy, N.Y. and produces and stars in his own live on-air cooking and wine show on WROC-TV’s News 8 Now in Rochester.

Also working in the kitchen with Chef Antinore will be SUNY Delhi’s culinary team. The team recently won its fourth consecutive American Culinary Federation (ACF) New York State Hot Food Team

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Championship, and the Northeast regionals, which qualifies Delhi to compete in the ACF National Championship.

Wine presenter Christopher Kearney, a SUNY Delhi alumnus, is vice president and director of education for National Distributing Company in Florida. He holds a bachelor's degree in International Hospitality Administration and has been working in wholesale wine and spirit sales for 22 years.

SUNY Delhi hosts this event on an annual basis to raise funds for the Kevin Zraly Scholarship Endowment. Kevin Zraly is a 1970 Delhi graduate who has gone on to become one of the world's leading wine experts. He earned his following as wine director of the famed Windows on the World and authored *Windows on the World Complete Wine Course*, a book that has sold over 1.5 million copies. Zraly's contributions to the hospitality industry have earned him a number of prestigious honors that include Food and Beverage Association of America Man of the Year, James Beard Award for Wine and Spirits Professional of the Year, and a Culinary Institute of America board of trustees membership.

Reservations for "An Evening in Tuscany" can be made by contacting the SUNY Delhi Hospitality Management Department at (607) 746-4400. Tickets are \$75 each and a portion of the cost is tax deductible.

SUNY Delhi offers comprehensive educational opportunities in Hospitality Management, including a baccalaureate program—the only one of its type in New York State—and associate's degree programs in Hotel and Resort Management, Restaurant and Foodservice Management, Travel and Tourism Management, and Culinary Arts. For more information, log onto [www.delhi.edu](http://www.delhi.edu).