

**Jamaica Top Tertiary / Vocational Student Chef of the YEAR 2011  
& 2012**



(Left, Executive Chef Anthony Miller & Student Chef Dorrion Christian)

**Caribbean Culinary Network Student Chef of the YEAR 2011/2012**  
**Jamaica Culinary Federation Student Chef of the YEAR 2012/2013**  
**Jamaica Cultural Commission Gold Medal Winner**

At the recently concluded Taste of Jamaica Culinary Competition hosted by the Culinary Federation of Jamaica comprises of top chefs across Jamaica, young 19 years old Dorrion Christian a graduate of Tacius Golding High school who is now an enrolled Associate Degree student of Western Hospitality Institute (WHI) took the JCF/TOJ prestigious inaugural Top Jamaican Student Chef Award. Winning is not new to Dorrion Christian, having won several gold medals in the Jamaica Cultural Development Culinary Arts Competition in 2011 and 2012. Dorrion is also the Caribbean Culinary Network (CCN) Top Jamaican Student Chef for the period 2011/2013, and was recently featured on Vibes Cuisine on CVM television in November 2012.

This is a testament to the strong Culinary programme at Western Hospitality Institute. The institution works closely with industry chefs locally and internationally and invites them to WHI to conduct culinary training for its students. Recently, in early 2012, WHI invited the internationally acclaimed author and chef extraordinaire Sarah Labensky to guest lecturer at the institute. Sarah Labensky is the author of the number one culinary text used in colleges and universities worldwide. WHI had the presence of such celebrity on the campus lecturing to successes like Doran's. Our industry linkages are phenomenal and that too is a testament to the quality culinary exposure for our students.

WHI has a very small personalized culinary arts lab that is very compact and delivers personalized service to eight students at any one time. Our highly trained industry chefs deliver quality on campus and on the job training for our students.

Dorron's Success in capturing the most prestigious culinary title for students in Jamaica has set the precedence for all others to follow. Western Hospitality Institute through students like Dorran has gone ahead of those that are considered to be the top culinary schools in Jamaica. Dorron had competed and ranked among several national reputable culinary arts/chefs. He is now the trendsetter for tertiary/vocational student culinary competition in Jamaica. He is extraordinarily the best culinary student in any Jamaican tertiary/vocational institution.

This is a testament that WHI is not only theoretically excellent, but also highly practical. WHI blends the theory and the practical well which is complemented by reality-base learning. Having consecutively won the Top Academic Student Research Proposal at the University of Technology & the University of Delaware International Business & Tourism Academic/Research Conference 2011 and 2012, WHI now produce Dorron Christian as the Top Jamaica Culinary Student Chef of the year—an incredible achievement for the institution.

WHI students' performances at external competitions like these shows that we are comparable and have exceeded the public's expectation, traversing areas of academics where most dare to travel. This experience serves to boost our students' and learning experience; it also hit to the very core of the basis on which education was developed on experience and exposure, the mere fact that the students are able to share and learn with other college students.

WHI has embarked on a fantastic collaboration with the MEL Nathan College, which is officially owned and operated by International University of the Caribbean (IUC). This relationship with the MEL Nathan College serves to enhance and boost the institution's leverage in areas that are least served in the field of Hospitality & Tourism Education. WHI association with the MEL Nathan College can only enhance the rich legacy of both institutions. Both institutions are now located on the same campus alongside the College of Leadership & Theological Development and this will allow WHI in continuing to provide the service in Hospitality & Tourism education. For further information, please visit our website at [www.westernhospitalityinstitute.com.jm](http://www.westernhospitalityinstitute.com.jm)

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