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TAFE Queensland Brisbane kicks off Alumni showcase with guest Chef

Harnessing the talents of TAFE Queensland Brisbane's global network of graduates, the alumni team hosted its first Insight session for the year on Tuesday 21 April.

The Insight session highlighted the culinary excellence of TAFE's Tourism and Hospitality Alumni network and offered current students the chance to work and network with some of the industry's finest.

Held at the South Bank Campus, the event featured guest chef Pablo Tordesillas who skilfully prepared the evening's canapés and conducted a live cooking demonstration on the balcony of 66 on Ernest, one of TAFE Queensland Brisbane's signature training restaurants. Pablo worked alongside a lucky group of students who are currently enrolled in TAFE's College of Tourism and Hospitality (COTAH).

The function was hosted by Emily Adams from YRD Events and Sarah Biddle from Lightspace, two talented Alumni members who recently graduated from COTAH. Ms Biddle and Ms Adams spoke about their personal experiences studying at TAFE Queensland Brisbane, highlighting how their training shaped them for the fantastic roles they are in today.

"Sarah and I are proud Alumni members of TAFE Queensland Brisbane and we are pleased to be back at South Bank campus hosting this event for our peers in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry, as well as our fellow alumni members," said MC Emily Adams from YRD Events.

During the event, TAFE Queensland Brisbane who are in partnership with the Global Education Skills Alliance (GESA), announced the launch of the partnership and opened applications for students interested in studying abroad at the Swiss Hotel School in Switzerland on a short-term study tour.

Liza Kelder, Project Manager for the Study Abroad program said, "not only does this opportunity enable our students to study with the premium Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne, be culturally immersed and have exposure to a range of 5 star hotels in the region, it provides industry with an opportunity to partner with us to develop our future graduates and access our international networks."

Entertainment for the night included the bubbly and talented Talia Gouge from the TV series The Voice, where Talia was named a finalist in 'Team Joel.'

The evening's event concluded with current COTAH students and their hospitality teachers showcasing their skills with an edible chocolate display and an impressive liquid nitrogen dessert station.

For more information on the Insight Session or to stay updated with future events please visit, <http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/about-us/alumni/alumni-events>.

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