Award of excellence for TAFE tourism instructor

A TAFE Queensland Brisbane Tourism teacher has wrapped up 2014 on an upbeat note by winning the Travelport Instructor of the Year Award.

Cheryleigh Lazarus won the award of excellence for her outstanding qualities as an instructor, whose continuous industry engagement and partnerships stood out against nominees from all registered training organisations throughout Queensland and New South Wales.

Cheryleigh said the process began with her student submitting nominations on why they felt she should be awarded instructor of the year.

“The students had to provide comments on their overall experience under my tuition while learning how to use Travelport products such as Galileo,” Cheryleigh explained.

“I was really touched by the students’ feedback. They work so hard and know the value of the learning the industry’s standard products and processes.

“It’s wonderful to know that my students share the passion I have for the travel and tourism industry and that they value me as an instructor.”

Travelport is a provider of travel technologies, solutions and services and supports the development of certified instructors through programs like the Instructor of the Year Awards, which is designed as an incentive for trainers to reach greater standards of excellence.

Cheryleigh, who has been with TAFE Queensland Brisbane for four years, describing her teaching experience as greatly rewarding.

“Our students are the agents of the future and these are current industry products that they will be using in their chosen career,” she explained.

“TAFE Queensland Brisbane travel and tourism students have had great success in securing jobs in the industry based on their exposure to products such as Galileo and other cutting edge learning opportunities provided to them throughout their studies.”

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