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Medal winners equipped with worldly skills from TAFE

TAFE Queensland Brisbane graduate Lyly Chen can consider herself in the nation's top three of her skill set, after bringing home a bronze medal from the 2014 WorldSkills Australia National Competition last week.

After three days of challenging competition, the College of Tourism and Hospitality (COTAH) graduate celebrated her achievements with her fellow competitors at a closing event in Perth, where this year's competition was held.

Lyly said she wasn't at all daunted by the challenge ahead of her going in to the event.

"It wasn't that hard really as I'd practiced everything so much," she said.

"The competition covered a range of skills including bar work and cocktail making, fine dining; preparation, service and presentation and wine identification, opening bottles and decanting.

"Hospitality services aren't just about cooking! It's so much more than that."

COTAH teacher Denzil D'Silva accompanied Lyly to Perth for the event, where over 50 skill and trade areas ranging from plumbing and bricklaying to web design and fashion technology were on show.

"This competition really celebrates vocational education and training and aims to change perceptions about taking up a skill or choosing a skill-based trade as a viable career option," Denzil said.

"We are really proud of Lyly to make it so far against so many other talented entrants."

Graduate Alice Litzow also came home with a bronze medal for her efforts in the Fashion Technology category.

Alice began her TAFE Queensland Brisbane experience with a Certificate II in Applied Fashion as part of our Partnership with Schools Program, graduating with an Advanced Diploma last year. She now works for Black Milk clothing company.

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