

Kingsborough Students, Jennifer Zhou and Yonette Williams, win Les Dames D'Escoffier Scholarships

Les Dames d'Escoffier New York (LDNY)—founding and largest chapter of [Les Dames d'Escoffier International](#)—a philanthropic organization whose members encompass women of achieve-

ment in the fine food, beverage and hospitality industry, awarded 20 Make A Difference Scholarships totaling \$47,300 at a reception on July 13. Kingsborough Community College students, Jennifer Zhou and Yonette

Williams, were among the scholarship recipients.

LDNY received 60 applications from a diverse group of talented women pursuing degrees in the culinary arts, food nutrition, fine beverage and hospitality fields. Scholarships are granted on the basis of the applicant's resume, transcript and grade point average, growth experience plus professional and personal references. Applicants are also required to submit an essay, describing their achievements, career goals and the reason they merit financial sponsorship.

Of the \$47,300 contributed \$28,000 were in-kind partnerships with leading New York culinary schools including The Culinary Institute of America, the French Culinary Institute, the Institute of Culinary Education and the International Wine Center. The balance, \$19,300, was either membership- or corporate-sponsored. You need not be a member of LDNY to donate to the scholarship fund.

The annual mid-summer evening reception held at the landmark Astor Center was underwritten by the Barbara and Donald Tober Foundation and featured hors d'oeuvres by (Dame) Diane Gordon Catering and a selection of wines from Argentina and

included LDNY members and sponsors and past and present scholarship recipients, in addition to family and friends, giving everyone an opportunity to network, meet with mentors, and celebrate together.

"The LDNY Make A Difference Scholarship Fund provides deserving young women the opportunity to follow their passion, nurture their talents and pursue promising careers in the culinary profession. In addition to receiving scholarships to assist with her education, each of our recipients will be mentored by a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier to ensure that she has professional guidance as she pursues her career," said Melanie Young, President of Les Dames d'Escoffier New York.

Les Dames d'Escoffier New York is committed to education, advocacy, and philanthropy within the culinary arts and hospitality field. Its primary purpose is to empower talented young women to become the leaders of tomorrow in their chosen careers. Awarding scholarships to women of distinction helps LDNY to fulfill this undertaking.



Above, Jonathan Deutsch, associate professor, Tourism and Hospitality Department, joins Kingsborough student Jennifer Zhou, the Sylvia Schur Scholarship winner and, below, Yonette Williams, the Wendy Burrell Mintzer scholarship winner.

