

Rosen Students Cook Up Affordable Gourmet In Bad Economy

ORLANDO, Jan. 23, 2009 – Looking for a gourmet dining experience that's easy on the wallet and supports education?

That's what you'll find at the University of Central Florida's Rosen College of Hospitality Management, where a unique program is teaching students to create a restaurant from scratch.

For five nights this semester, the public is invited to a gourmet, four-course meal at the college, near International Drive. Each menu and meal -- along with the dining area -- will be created and managed by students.

Called the Distinguished Chefs Series, the program is part of an Intermediate Food Preparation course taught by Professor and Certified Executive Chef Vivian Ray.

The first meal of the semester will be Thursday, Jan. 29, presented in the Rosen College's Disney Dining Room. The other dinners will be held Feb. 14 and 24, March 26 and April 16. Seats for each dinner are \$15 per person, with the exception of the Valentine's Dinner on Feb. 14, which is \$25 a person.

New this semester are all-you-can-eat Sunday brunches, priced at \$5.95 and \$9.95. The brunches run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 8, 15, 22, March 1 and March 22. They will also be held in the Disney Dining Room.

To make reservations for the brunches or Distinguished Chefs Series dinners, call 407-903-8196 or e-mail gpage@mail.ucf.edu.

The Rosen College is located at 9907 Universal Blvd. in Orlando. For more information, visit www.hospitality.ucf.edu/dcs.

About the Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Located in the heart of the tourism and hospitality industry, Orlando, the Rosen College of Hospitality Management is dedicated to the values of professionalism, leadership and service. The mission of the Rosen College of Hospitality Management is to develop future generations of global hospitality and tourism leaders representing all industry segments in the hospitality capital of the world, through innovative academic programs, cutting edge research and strong industry and community partnerships.

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