Justin Wusinich an ambassador for success

Tourism and hospitality management major Justin Wusinich considers applying for scholarships his part-time job. “If you put in two hours for a scholarship, and get maybe $500 back out of it, you make about $250 dollars an hour,” he explained. “That’s the investment you’re making.”

But Wusinich’s accomplishments expand beyond scholarships, proving it takes more than a few hours of filling out applications to find success. In 2007, Wusinich joined the STHM Student Association, of which he later became events coordinator and president. In 2008, he helped found Temple’s Student Multicultural Admissions Recruitment Team (SMART) to provide campus tours and recruitment services to inner-city students. Wusinich then ventured to California for his junior internship at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Resort & Spa and served as a Hyatt campus ambassador. Dedicating winter and spring breaks to scholarship applications, Wusinich earned eight scholarships in 2009–10. In summer 2010, he studied in Rome and made connections with the general manager of Hotel Universal and the president of SKAL International, a global hotelier professional organization. Returning to the U.S. for the second half of the summer, Wusinich interned at the Hyatt Regency at Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia. Having completed classes in December 2010, Wusinich moved to Miami for a corporate-management training program with Hyatt Hotels. “I’ve had a lot of accomplishments in school,” he said. “A lot of students don’t take those opportunities. I want to be able to show students how they can achieve.” —Meg Hughes

STHM graduate student wins Student of the Year in Pa.

James Salisbury’s work in the tourism and hospitality industry earned him the 2010 Student of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Tourism & Lodging Association (PTLA) at its annual Spirit of Hospitality Awards. The Student of the Year Award acknowledges a student enrolled in a degree program, associate’s or higher, with a GPA of at least 3.2 and two or more years of hospitality experience. Salisbury’s leadership, teamwork, respect toward others, customer service and commitment to improvement in the classroom and on the job earned him the award, which was presented in April 2010.

While working at The Conwell Inn on Temple’s Main Campus, Salisbury took on extra shifts and responsibilities for six months while a coworker recovered from an assault outside of work. In August 2009, as he finished his undergraduate degree, Salisbury became front-office manager. He is now pursuing a master’s in tourism and hospitality management from STHM. Salisbury is a graduate extern at the School of Tourism and serves as chairman of STHM’s chapter of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality. —Staff report

“The Conwell would not be the same without employees who are as dedicated as James is.”

—Erin Fitzharris, general manager, The Conwell Inn

James Salisbury second from left, stands with Associate Dean Elizabeth H. Bieler, Hyatt CEO Mark Hoplamazian and Senior Director of Corporate Relations Gregory DeShields.