The School of Tourism and Hospitality Management and the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau selected two STHM students as recipients of the Marie Baker Brown Scholarship, awarded annually to students who share Brown’s spirit in the hospitality field. Here are snapshots of STHM’s recipients of the scholarships, which were awarded Nov. 26, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center:

DAKARAI CAMPBELL is a junior tourism and hospitality management major at Temple University’s School of Tourism and Hospitality Management. He is the president of Temple’s chapter of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality, an organization in which he has participated since his freshman year.

Campbell wishes to pursue a career in the operations management sector of a commercial hotel. Presently, he serves as Temple’s Hyatt Campus Ambassador. He first fostered his connection to the popular hotel chain last summer, when he served a 10-week internship in the recreation department of the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa, in Cedar Creek, Texas. Prior to graduating, Campbell hopes to complete Hyatt’s Corporate Management Trainee Program.

His passion and interest in the hospitality industry began shortly after receiving notification that he had been accepted to Temple University. Campbell attended a Future Business Leaders of America conference, where he learned of the strength of the university’s School of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

A native of Trenton, N.J., Campbell credits his mother with instilling in him the value of an education. He graduated in 2012 from Morrisville High School, in Morrisville, Pa., with a 3.92 grade-point average.

NEOSHIE GILES is a junior tourism and hospitality management major at Temple University’s School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, with a concentration in event leadership. She also is studying to attain a minor in business administration. Giles is the president of Temple’s chapter of Meeting Professionals International.

Giles wishes to pursue a career in event management, in the hope of furthering Philadelphia’s reputation as a top tourism destination. She traces her interest in the tourism and hospitality industries to a concert experience, where an usher used behind-the-scenes shortcuts to escort her and friends to their seats. She credits this moment with inspiring her to apply to Temple’s School of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

She plans to supplement her education this summer with a study-abroad experience in Oviedo, Spain, where Giles hopes to achieve certificates of specialization in Latin American Studies for Business and in Spanish. She presently works as a guest-services representative at the Holiday Inn Express Midtown, in Philadelphia, to help finance her trip while simultaneously gaining essential experience in the hospitality industry.


—Christopher A. Vito