

Triumph Higher Education Group Acquires Culinary Academy of Austin

Plans to Develop First Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Aspiring chefs are a step closer to world class culinary education since Triumph Higher Education Group (Triumph HEG), through a wholly-owned subsidiary, acquired the Culinary Academy of Austin (CAA) on June 10. Triumph HEG plans to turn the facility into the first Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts, a professional school for culinary and baking offering a demanding, accelerated program focused exclusively on classical culinary training and mastery of the skills and techniques sought by employers. Affiliated with the Foundation and Museum dedicated to world-renowned chef Auguste Escoffier, the school will combine interactive delivery, world-class instructors, emphasis on sustainable cuisine, and affordable tuition.

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In April, 2010 Triumph HEG entered into affiliation agreements with the Escoffier Foundation and Museum, and with Michel Escoffier, its president and great grandson of Auguste Escoffier, through which Triumph HEG is launching the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in the United States and internationally. Auguste Escoffier is perhaps the most distinguished and respected name in the culinary world – no other figure in history has done more for the development and modernization of culinary arts.

“This is history in the making,” said Michel Escoffier, who will consult with the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts and serve on its advisory board. “My great

grandfather was committed to advancing innovation and consistently raising the standard of excellence in the profession. He would be very proud today.”

During the transition to the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts, Triumph HEG, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, will manage the CAA and its existing culinary programs under the current name as it builds out the facility and seeks the necessary regulatory approvals to launch the proprietary Escoffier Learning System[®]. The Learning System will utilize a hybrid platform to provide flexibility for students and access to renowned chef-instructors all over the world. The affordable 30-week certificate programs will offer small classes, and will focus on teaching the techniques and principles developed by Auguste Escoffier, in the preparation of sustainable, seasonal cuisine.

In its 11th year, CAA offers a 15-month Professional Culinary Arts diploma program and a six-month Pastry Arts diploma program. Each program combines small classes and personal attention from experienced chef instructors. Required externships offer students real-world experience at restaurants and other food service locations throughout Austin.

“We look forward to combining our management expertise and capital together with Michel Escoffier’s counsel and the historical resources of the Escoffier museum,” said Jack Larson, Executive Chairman of Triumph HEG, “to launch a truly innovative international culinary program that offers a unique value to students, faculty and employers.”

About Triumph Higher Education Group

Triumph Higher Education Group, a subsidiary of Triumph Capital, LLC is dedicated to developing global post-secondary education that is innovative, high quality and affordable. The company is managed by a team of professionals who have decades of experience in launching and cultivating highly successful career-focused schools, both on-ground and online. It is focused exclusively on providing rigorous curriculum designed to develop the skills necessary to meet significant employer demand. www.triumpheducation.com

About the Culinary Academy of Austin

The Culinary Academy of Austin was founded in 1999 and grew into a popular and respected training ground for local aspiring chefs and food-enthusiasts. The school’s 15-month Professional Culinary Arts diploma program offers students the opportunity to learn the skills they need to begin a professional career in the Culinary Arts. The six-month Pastry Arts diploma program is designed to give students a solid foundation in the Pastry Arts and prepare them for entry to mid-level jobs as a pastry assistant. Taught by experienced chefs, classes at CAA are kept small to ensure that each student gets personal attention. Classes begin frequently. For more information, visit www.culinaryacademyofaustin.com