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## **The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges Awards L'École Culinaire's Assistant Regional Director their 2015 Commitment to Education Award**

**Memphis, Tenn. (September 14, 2015)** – [The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges \(ACCSC\)](#) has awarded the [2015 Commitment to Education Award](#) to Ms. Bonnie Delashmit, Assistant Regional Director and Campus Director at [L'École Culinaire - Memphis](#). Delashmit accepted the award as part of the ACCSC's [2015 Professional Development Conference](#), which took place this weekend at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View in Arlington, Va. [L'École Culinaire](#) has campuses in Memphis (Cordova), Tenn., St. Louis, Mo., and Kansas City, Mo.

The ACCSC's Commitment to Education Award recognizes outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of innovative, unique and effective programs that serve student needs in the best possible manner.

"Bonnie's passion for the educational enterprise and for the welfare of students and faculty, her energy, and perhaps most importantly, her willingness to innovate continually inspires her students and faculty. She shows us how important our own engagement in education is to the mission of our program," said Chef Luahn Thomas, a Chef Instructor at L'École Culinaire – Memphis. "While remaining current with the latest instructional strategies and technologies, Bonnie can still reach a struggling student with simple instincts and empathy coupled with complete professionalism. She comes prepared and ready to work hard wherever she is needed, including cooking more than 500 hot dogs on a hot grill in four-inch heels for a student appreciation cookout."

In selecting the winner of the 2015 Commitment to Education Award, ACCSC considered several compelling aspects of the nominees including:

- Efforts put forth on behalf of students to improve the quality of education at his/her institution;
- Significant and positive contributions by the nominee at his / her school and within the community;
- Facilitation of partnerships within the employment community on behalf of students and graduates;

- Professional contributions through active involvement with a related professional organization, providing presentations at conferences / seminars, or publishing articles within their field of expertise, and;
- Leadership in career education as demonstrated through the design or implementation of a creative initiative at the school that has enhanced students' learning experiences and success.

Delashmit has a long history of excellence. She earned a BBA and an MBA from Mississippi State University. During her time at the university, she was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society for scholastic achievement and Omicron Delta Epsilon for high scholastic achievement in economics and was named outstanding MBA student of the year.

After 12 years in the banking industry, she transitioned into postsecondary education. She began her career at Vatterott in 2010 as an adjunct instructor in Advanced Mathematics at Vatterott Career College – Appling Farms. Delashmit then moved on to the L'École Culinaire campus at Cordova, Tenn., where she has served as Director of Education, Campus Director and most recently Assistant Regional Director, with oversight of the Cordova, Tenn., St. Louis, Mo., and Kansas City, Mo. L'École Culinaire campuses.

“This award really belongs to every one of my staff members and faculty,” Delashmit said. “Our continued success is due to our working together every day to make L'École Culinaire – Memphis a great place for our students to learn.”

#### **About ACCSC**

Since 1965, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) has been committed to establishing and advancing quality education at postsecondary career schools and colleges. ACCSC accredits public, private, non-profit, and for-profit institutions that offer career, technical, and vocational training programs at the postsecondary level. ACCSC is dedicated to ensuring a quality education for more than 185,000 students who are pursuing a quality career education at approximately 700 ACCSC-accredited institutions across the United States, Puerto Rico, and abroad. ACCSC has been continuously recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable authority for quality education since 1967. More information on ACCSC is available online at [www.accsc.org](http://www.accsc.org).

#### **About L'École Culinaire**

As part of Vatterott Educational Centers, Inc., L'École Culinaire offers culinary training for the career-minded chef. With locations in St. Louis, Kansas City and Memphis, students experience hands-on learning and instruction from professionals in the culinary industry. For more information, please visit [www.lecole.edu](http://www.lecole.edu).

#### **About Vatterott College**

Vatterott College has been dedicated to providing quality career training to students seeking the skills to advance in their field since 1969. Vatterott, with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, has campuses across the Midwest. Diploma, associate and bachelor degrees are offered in trade industries and computer technology, with 20 locations across seven states as well as an online division. To learn more, please visit [www.vatterott.edu](http://www.vatterott.edu).