

# High achievers put culinary school on the map

With honours all around, the first intake of students at Jackie Cameron School of Food & Wine are testament to the high standard demanded for this internationally-recognised, mentoring course that produces respected chefs - a cut above the rest.

And, as guaranteed by the school, all graduates have been offered permanent positions; this made possible because of the demand for leavers from this culinary institution, in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands.

Apart from the nine-of-nine possible distinctions they achieved, Carla Schulze was top student for French culinary terminology and language, and the Culinary Equipment Company Student of the Year; Cara Conway, who was presented with the Waterford Estate Wine Award for Top Wine Student, attained top marks in the culinary arts practical examination and for pastillage cake icing, she also gained the top mark ever achieved, at KZN School of Wine, for a Wine & Spirit Education Trust Level 2 course ; Catherine Cousins earned top marks for the final practical dinner and in-service placement, and took the Deltrade Top Patisserie Practical Chef award.

Elba's Most Promising Student Award for 2017, and a bursary towards fees for the next 18-month course, were presented to Andiswa Mqedlana, who has been helping with functions at the school since April this year.

"This is a 15-year dream realised," said Jackie Cameron, clearly delighted with the results achieved. "It was hard work for all of us. Establishing something new is never easy and I am grateful to the students who believed in my ability to help them reach their goals and who worked tirelessly – and diligently – to put Jackie Cameron School of Food & Wine and themselves on the world's culinary map. I look forward, with great excitement, to making a difference to the lives of those who have enrolled for the 2017/2018 course – and to the difference they will make to me and to themselves."

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