

# Invitation To Industry To Support Careers Through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP)

Through culinary training, career advising and scholarship opportunities, Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) works to break the cycle of poverty and empowers our students and alumni for success from their first day on the job throughout their entire career.

C-CAP is a national non-profit that transforms lives of underserved students through the culinary arts and prepares them for college and careers in the restaurant and hospitality industry. Since being founded in 1990 by Richard Grausman, renowned cookbook author and culinary educator, C-CAP has awarded \$50 million in scholarships, provided job training and internships, college and lifetime career support, teacher training and product and equipment donations to classrooms. C-CAP works with over 17,000 students nationwide. Through C-CAP's efforts, a large percentage of its students find rewarding careers in the foodservice and hospitality industry with many alumni, now graduates of top culinary schools, working in leading restaurants and hotels throughout the country.

"C-CAP has an incredible system in place that, through education and training, prepares underserved youth for careers in the professional world of culinary and hospitality. The program is also a huge benefit to the growing market and chefs looking for skilled and motivated talent." says Marcus Samuelsson, Chef/Restaurateur/Author, Marcus Samuelsson Group, and

C-CAP Board Co-Chair.

Recent stats report that 3.2 million disadvantaged youths in the U.S. between 16 and 24 are not in school and do not have jobs. As the restaurant and hospitality industry continues to surge, with a forecast of 1.7 million new restaurant positions by 2025, there is an overwhelming need for trained, hard-working and dedicated staff. C-CAP's unique programs prepare students for successful careers in this industry and introduces them to the tools of the trade.

The support and sponsorship from the industry is one of the keys to C-CAP's success. Since 1990, industry sponsors have provided under-stocked and under-equipped classrooms with necessary equipment and ingredients. We invite you to donate products and equipment to our classrooms and help us in our fundraising efforts.

This year, Tuxton China, a leading tabletop supplier to the foodservice industry, will become a sponsor for C-CAP and is donating a percentage of their total sales from the month of September to the Los Angeles location.

"We at Tuxton China are very excited to begin what we hope will be a long association with C-CAP. We have been looking for a charitable organization that we could partner and grow with that has a direct impact on the industry we are a part of. This new partnership allows us to give back and help these kids become a valued part of this wonderful industry," says Bill Burden, Presi-

dent of Tuxton China.

"As Tuxton continues to grow as a company, we want to help partners we believe in and causes we can support which are going above and beyond to help those in our industry," says Marketing Director Jennifer Rolander. "We chose C-CAP as our Tuxton Cares partner because they are committed to helping at-risk high school students by providing them the tools to prepare for college and culinary careers. Their organization is extraordinary and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with not only the Los Angeles location but their other locations across the country as well."

"We are excited to announce the partnership with Tuxton China Company, an industry leader in assisting and fortifying programs like ours. Their fundraising donation will support our programs and services to more than 3,200 students in 22 schools here in Los Angeles. Tuxton is here to support C-CAP one plate at a time," says C-CAP Los Angeles Director Lisa Fontanesi.

Tuxton China Inc. is a family-owned and operated company here in the US and in China. Started in 1999 by the Lam family, Tuxton has become a leading wholesaler of high-quality dinnerware and ovenware products for the foodservice industry. They pride themselves on fostering long-term relationships with their clients, providing exceptional customer service and producing superior quality products.



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