

# Hospitality student awarded for work placement

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Year 12 student Phoo Pwint Zaw Khaing has been recognised for her exceptional skill and attitude during work placement in 2023. After a successful stint in the kitchens at The Hilton Sydney, Phoo Pwint was named a finalist for the Hospitality – Kitchen Operations category in the Student Work Placement Awards.

Phoo Pwint was nominated as one of six total finalists by the team at Hilton for her ability to apply her theoretical knowledge of food safety and hygiene in a real-world setting. Her supervisors were also impressed with her overall commitment and involvement during the work placement which she completed last year.

Phoo Pwint said: “I started a regular morning by getting my chef uniform from the uniform bay, before going to the banqueting kitchen to start work.

“I then worked alongside other chefs in the kitchen to prepare food for 500 or more servings, depending on the day. My work varied from preparing the *mise en place*, managing inventory, to plating the food for presentation and service.”

Year 11 Hospitality students currently complete two mandatory work placements in commercial kitchens as part of their course requirements throughout the year. Host employers complete evaluations of students at the completion of their work placements and nominate those who exhibit exemplary skills and attitudes in their vocational training framework for the Student Work Placement Awards.

“What I enjoyed most was the opportunity to handle various commercial kitchen equipment and broaden my understanding of the food preparation process. I also enjoyed working with other chefs who were very supportive and who gave me useful feedback to improve my skills,” said Phoo Pwint.

The awards, hosted by MWLP – Linking Youth, recognise senior students who have demonstrated excellence during a work placement completed as part of a vocational course. Now in Year 12, Phoo Pwint has already been offered an apprenticeship at the Hilton Sydney for when she leaves school.

Congratulations, Phoo Pwint - this accolade is well deserved.



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