The American Psychological Association defines accreditation as both a process and a status. "As a status, accreditation provides public notification that an institution or program meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency. As a process, accreditation reflects the fact that in achieving recognition by the accrediting agency, the institution or program is committed to self-study and external review by one’s peers in seeking not only to meet standards but to continuously seek ways in which to enhance the quality of education and training provided."

The accrediting body for Trinidad and Tobago, the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT), has overarching responsibility and jurisdiction for registration and accreditation of post-secondary and tertiary education institutions and programmes in Trinidad and Tobago. Under the Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago ACTT is empowered to develop, implement and monitor national quality standards for the higher education sector, accredit institutions and programmes, confer institutional titles, recognize qualifications awarded by local and foreign institutions operating in Trinidad and Tobago, and collaborate with recognized accrediting and professional bodies in pursuit of the fulfillment of its mission.

Accreditation reflects the quality by which an educational institution or a program conducts its business. It speaks to a sense of public trust, as well as to professional quality. It provides a formal process for ongoing evaluation and improvement of a program and faculty development outcomes, a process by which faculty, students and administration can work together in advancing the educational institution’s mission.

In 2013 the Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute’s (TTHTI) dynamic team worked tirelessly towards fulfilling the requirements set by ACTT for Institutional Accreditation. There were five categories which were evaluated and recognized; within each there were criteria and standards by which the institute was judged in order to merit accreditation.

The categories are as follows: category one – Mission and Purpose; category two – Governance and Administration; category three – Teaching and Learning; category four – Preparedness for Change; and category five – Commitment to Continuous Improvement. Research, surveys, and interviews were conducted by the TTHTI’s team members to gather data they were collated and presented in a Self-Study Report to be presented to ACTT.

Having fulfilled the requirements, in October 2013 a licence agreement was effected between ACTT and TTHTI for the period September 13, 2013 to September 12, 2018. Dr. Patricia Butcher, Executive Director TTHTI proudly signed the agreement. Having attained institutional accreditation for five years is not the end, but a continuance in the journey towards improvement of the institute’s systems and process. As an institute we will continue to achieve excellence as we remain on the path of commitment of dedicated resources to ensure sustainability. We recognize that quality does not come easily and as we keep our vision and mission in mind we will continue to invest and strengthen our financial resources and to recruit suitably qualified professionals and invest in their ongoing development.

Welcome to our new staff

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Office Decorating Competition

TTHTI’s annual Office Decorating Competition culminated on Friday November 29th. This year’s theme ‘Jingle Bells... and A Christmas Song’ was well represented by four teams: Finance, Culinary (Theory), Culinary (Practical) and Quality Assurance (Defending Champions).

True to form, all participants showcased their hidden talents, ability to effectively interpret the theme and their eye for what makes the office “look festive”. The judges’ job was definitely not made easy.

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Film Festival Experience

It’s not every day we are given the opportunity to learn about a culture that we call our own and thought we knew everything about. Supporting the Trinidad and Tobago Film festival and watching ‘10 days of Muharram’ produced and directed by Che Rodríguez, definitely opened the eyes of the year 1 Tourism Management students from the Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute. This experience was facilitated by our Cultural Diversity lecturer, Ms. McConnie who included this as part of the course content.

Being a mixture of local students and other students from around the Caribbean, such as Antigua, Grenada and St. Vincent, we all experienced somewhat of a culture shock after engaging in such an intriguing documentary.

“The dedication, hard work, commitment and research was definitely seen in the documentary,”

“It was very educational and informative, parts of it was also very emotional something I did not expect”

“I was glad to learn so much more about my culture in Trinidad. I always knew about the Hosay but was never that knowledgeable about it”

“Being Caricom students we were excited to be exposed to another side of Trinidad and their culture, it was very interesting and the producer did an excellent job”

These were just some of the comments made by the Tourism Management students from TTHTI after watching this documentary. To learn more about the Islamic culture and the ‘Cedros Hosay’ watching the ‘10 days of Muharram’ will definitely be advised. We encourage everyone to support the documentary ‘10 days of Muharram’ and to also support the Trinidad and Tobago Film festival altogether. Local and Caribbean talent should always be encouraged and this is a great way to start.