

# 2016 GLTHS grad gets Superintendent's Social scholarship

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TYNGSBORO -- Greater Lowell Technical High School recently held its 37th annual Superintendent's Social, a scholarship fundraising event.

Caitlyn Dion, a 2016 graduate, received the event's annual scholarship. Caitlyn is a student at the University of New Haven. She credits her instructors at Greater Lowell Tech and the education she received in the Marketing Education program for helping her realize her full potential.

"My teachers taught me beyond the facts," she said. "They taught me to take what I know and apply it to different situations and formats. I've been able to transition this to my college setting, which has allowed me to thrive thus far."

Graduating at the top of her class, Caitlyn feels as though Marketing Education has made her "employable."



GLTHS Culinary Arts Instructor Robert Matulonis, center, and students, from left, Randy Kai, Malia Melendez, Savannah Kapala, Angel Garcia and Carlos Prieto, prepare dinner for the Superintendent's Social. COURTESY PHOTO

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"I understand what it means to be professional and act in such a way," she said. "The program gave me valuable experience through co-op by working at the Lowell Five."

Caitlyn credits Greater Lowell Tech for the support, guidance and experiences she had, and feels she has the skills and confidence to be successful in any path she may take.

"Life goes beyond what I've achieved or am capable of," she said. "Making connections, building relationships and developing myself into who I am is just as important, if not more."

Each year, the Superintendent's Social is run by students and instructors in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management programs.

The school cafeteria is transformed into an elegant atmosphere complete with hors d'oeuvres, freshly prepared pasta and carving stations, and a dessert bar.

"Through the participation and support of our teachers, retirees, administrators, School Committee members and business partners, we were able to raise funds to support student scholarships and activities," Superintendent Roger Bourgeois said. "Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this event."

The school's next major fundraising event is the annual golf tournament, scheduled for May 1 at Vesper Country Club. Call Chad Fallon at 978-441-4948 for more information. Proceeds from the Superintendent's Social and golf tournament go to student scholarships and activities.