

Seam-less transition

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TYNGSBORO — Those who work in the hospitality industry can be quite leery of emails from customers.

After all, when someone takes the time to write any kind of online review to offer feedback, it's usually a complaint.

That was not the case recently when Luke Olsen, the front-office manager at the Stonehedge Inn and Spa in Tyngsboro, received a note from a patron regarding Matilda Seam, a senior at Greater Lowell Technical High School.

“After our last wine dinner in October, a person was so impressed with her that they sent me an email,” Olsen said. “It was complimenting her, and it said how appreciative they were to have her as a server. That's really awesome to see something like that, that someone would go out their way to email me.” “I was so proud of myself,” Matilda said with a laugh while polishing some glasses for a winetasting later that evening. A Lowell resident, Matilda is studying Hospitality at the school and has been utilizing Greater Lowell Tech's Cooperative Education program by working every other week at Stonehedge.

Originally, Matilda was hired as a food server in the restaurant, but in the time since she started, she has become a valuable member of Olsen's staff in a variety of roles, including administrative work and even pitching in at the front desk and the kitchen.

“She's been on co-op with us for quite a while,” Olsen said. “When she started, she was very tentative and very quiet, but very quickly, she sort of came out of her shell and worked her way up. Now, she's very, very good at taking charge in the restaurant.

“We always try to have her in during our busy days because she's so strong with the guests,” he added. “She's doing amazing things in this fine-dining restaurant.”

Matilda admits she didn't come to Greater Lowell Tech with an eye on Hospitality. In fact, it wasn't even her second choice as she was interested in Cosmetology and Culinary Arts when she first arrived as a freshman.

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GLTHS/ From Page B4 She didn't get into her first two choices, so she tried Hospitality, and a brief look into the field was all she needed before she was hooked. "I was pretty happy," she said. "I did internships at different hotels and learned a lot." These days, Matilda is hoping to make a career out of it and wants to keep studying it next year in college.

"It's really been amazing to see her grow and come out of her shell," Olsen said. "She's so confident now and has really taken advantage of the co-op program. She's doing really well in school, getting good grades and maintaining her co-op role. We really utilize her, even on her off weeks when she's not on co-op. We bring her in after school and on the weekends."

Olsen said Matilda not only represents his establishment well, but is also a great example for Greater Lowell Tech students.

"The teachers do an unbelievable job of instilling in the students a polished appearance and responsibility," he said.

"I've heard a lot of stories of students not being very motivated, but I know the teachers do an unbelievable job of getting that into their students and making them see what is out there."



Greater Lowell Tech senior Matilda Seam is a hit at Stonehedge Inn and Spa in Tyngsboro, where she works through the school's Cooperative Education program.

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