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RIT celebrates 95th Anniversary

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Hospitality executives and school supporters attended a feast that began with champagne and ended with hand-spun, Victorian desserts, as the School of Food, Hotel and Tourism Management at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), celebrated its 95th anniversary in style on Feb. 13.

Seventy-five students and faculty hosted "Puttin' on the RITz," a seven-course, fundraising dinner for 84 guests at Henry's, the on-campus, training restaurant.

"It is an outstanding milestone when a school can celebrate its 95th anniversary," says George Alley, director of the school. "We really look forward to our 100th year of providing excellent graduates to the hospitality industry."

The guests included: Robert Hurlbut, president of Vari-Care, Inc.

and honorary chairman of the dinner; Nathan and Susan Robfogel, attorneys; Norman Granback, general manager, Stouffers' Rochester Plaza; Richard Eisenhart, retired chairman, R.H. Eisenhart, Inc.; Joe Floreano, executive director, Rochester Riverside Convention Center; Art Delman, wine manager, Eber Brothers; Ritter Shumway, retired executive, Sybron Corp.; Richard Abati, vice-president, Sky Chefs; Klaus Gueldenpfennig, president, Redcom Laboratories, Inc.; and Rick Rivers, executive vice-president, Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Volunteer hospitality management students decorated the lobby and fourth floor of RIT's George Eastman Memorial Building in the art nouveau style of 1892, the school's founding year. The entire school

faculty participated in various levels of the function and served as official hosts and hostesses.

RIT's School of Food, Hotel and

Tourism Management has been recognized by *Forbes*, *Travel Weekly*, and *Woman's Day* for its leading hospitality management programs. 3



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