



*Mid Hudson Food & Wine Society
2005 Scholarship Recipients*

Shawn Croniser

Alexander Brown

Subj: Mid-Hudson Food & Wine scholars at CIA

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Hello Mary and Paul,

Here are the brief bios of your two 2005 scholars:

Alexander Brown is originally from Elmira, NY and now lives in Wappingers Falls. He started in the foodservice industry as a 15-year-old dishwasher, working at the same restaurant for the next 10 years, eventually managing the kitchen.

He was accepted at Cornell, and started studying law enforcement there before realizing that food is his true passion, and transferred to the CIA. He credits his mom as his inspiration to make cooking his career.

Alex spent his CIA externship at The Boulevard Grille in Mahwah, NJ, owned by Claire Winslow, CIA class of '85, who is co-owner of The Would, in Highland.

One of his professional goals is to own a foodservice business that helps others create their own businesses. In his spare time, he plays tennis, rides his motorcycle, hikes with his dog, and spends time with family and friends. But his passion, above all, is to make people feel good through his food.

Shawn Croniser, from Constableville in upstate New York, started as a fry cook at a hamburger stand. He credits his mom, and her hard work to keep the family together at mealtime; and his chef instructor at the community college he attended, for inspiring him to make a living in foodservice. Shawn externed at the Chops City Grill in Naples, Florida, about which he says, "It does 300 to 400 covers a night, is brilliantly run, and the knowledge I gained there was incredible." He is especially interested in Mediterranean cuisine, and after graduation, he plans to enroll in the "Slow Food Master Italian Cooking Program," a 10-week learning experience in Italy. His overall professional goal is simply to find his niche in the culinary field. He says, "There are so many talented chefs out there, that I need to determine how I will set myself apart." He loves to spend spare time hiking and camping, and travels whenever he can.

I believe that Alex is working the back of the house in St. Andrew's during your dinner! While neither of these young culinarians are natives of the Hudson Valley, they are native New York Staters. The Hudson Valley native students who were members of the qualifying "Streams" (entry dates) did not qualify for other reasons--GPA, financial need, or both. Both students are high achievers--Shawn is working at High Honors level, and Alex is just under that. I think your members will be impressed and pleased with these two. They're looking forward to thanking you and everyone in person Thursday night. I always look forward to seeing everyone, too. I'm sorry I can't be there--it is the night of the CIA's annual Gala in New York, and it's "all hands on deck!" We'll be leaving mid-day and not returning until about midnight or 1:00 a.m. Have a wonderful time, and thank you, as always, for choosing the CIA for your annual meeting. Let me know if you need anything further!

Best wishes,

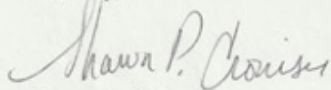
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Dear Paul and Mary Coiteux:

I would like to start off with letting you know that this scholarship was quite a pleasant surprise and it couldn't have come at a better time with the excitement of graduating soon, the stress of restaurant classes and the anxiety of going out into the world. It's a much needed boost to keep me motivated to do my best along with being a nice pat on the back. I believe that organizations such as yours help to inspire individuals such as myself to expand my knowledge of food and wine, also bringing experiences dealing with food and wine to the every day public where this knowledge can be passed on. I truly appreciate the honor and can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,



Shawn Croniser

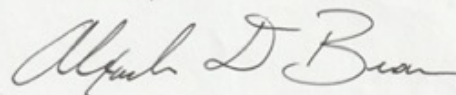
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The Mid-Hudson Food & Wine Society

Dear Members of the Mid-Hudson Food and Wine Society:

I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship offered to me. It came as a shock and I have been humbled by this experience. This scholarship is so important for helping me realize my educational goals. Your society is truly an inspiration and I aspire to be in the position to donate such a generous gift someday. I am looking forward to thanking the organization in person at your annual reception in Danny Kaye Theatre on October, 27. This gift has made a lasting impression on my culinary career. Thank you!

Sincerely,



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