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*“One of Statler’s life
ambitions was to open
the road to success
to succeeding generations
through education...”*

*Through The
Statler Foundation,
provided for in his will,
his interest in education
has been carried forward
on a scale and in a
manner he surely would
have found satisfying.”*

H.B. Meek
*Founder and First Dean
School of Hotel Administration
Cornell University*

THE STATLER FOUNDATION



Ellsworth Milton Statler

About the Foundation

The Statler Foundation is a private foundation that supports students and programs in the hospitality industry. It was created in 1934 through the directives contained in the Will of Ellsworth M. Statler, one of the most creative and resourceful hoteliers in history. For nearly 40 years, Statler's widow, Alice Seidler Statler, served as Chairman of the Foundation's trustees.

The Foundation is now governed by thirteen lifetime trustees. The current board was constituted by former Surrogate Judge Joseph S. Mattina and present Surrogate Judge Barbara Howe.

The Statler Foundation trustees award more than \$1,000,000 annually in grants and scholarships that support the hospitality field. They have taken a proactive role in grant making from 1992 through 2014 with a number of Western New York based awards. Recipients included Buffalo State College, Erie Community College, Niagara University, Trocaire College, Niagara County Community College,

Rochester Institute of Technology and the Olmsted Center for Sight. Prior grants were made to the Culinary Institute of America, Mercyhurst College and Florida International University.

The Statler Scholarship of Excellence, established in 1997, is awarded to third and fourth year students in the hospitality field. It is based upon academic excellence, character, financial need and commitment to the industry. Each scholarship is worth up to \$15,000 for the academic year and may be used for tuition, fees and books. In 2013 and 2014, the Foundation awarded scholarships to students attending Cornell University, Culinary Institute of America, Florida International University, Johnson & Wales University, Mercyhurst College, Michigan State University, Paul Smith's College, Pennsylvania State College, Purdue University, Niagara University, Buffalo State College and Rochester Institute of Technology.

Ellsworth M. Statler

Ellsworth Milton Statler grew up in Somerset County, PA and in Bridgeport, OH. Through most of his childhood he had to work because of his family's poverty, and at 13 he got a job as a bellboy in a hotel in Wheeling, WV. He advanced to hotel clerk and studied hotel management and bookkeeping. Within a few years he was running his own lunch room and billiard hall in Wheeling.

In 1896 he moved to Buffalo, NY, and took over the restaurant concession at the Ellicott Square Building. Two years later, when Buffalo was designated as the site of the 1901 Pan-American



Alice Seidler Statler

Exposition, Statler built his first hotel, a temporary building of 2,100 rooms, near the exposition grounds. The reputation he earned from this venture won him the task of building the Inside Inn at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis in 1904. The same year he built the Statler Hotel in Buffalo, and his holdings were soon expanded into a chain of hotels in Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, and New York City.

The slogan of Ellsworth's hotel business was "The customer is always right." He was continually looking for new ways to make the guests of his hotels more comfortable. He strived to distinguish his accommodations from the competition.

The Foundation has continued Statler's work, contributing to the development of the industry's human capital both through its support of educational programs for the training of line and management employees and through scholarships awarded to deserving individuals.

CHAIRMEN'S MESSAGES



It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Chairman of The Statler Foundation for the past five years continuing the work of Ellsworth and Alice Statler who were pioneers in the hospitality industry and in the Foundation world since 1934.

In 1992, The Board of Trustees of The Statler Foundation was expanded from three (3) to twelve (12) lifetime trustees by Erie County Surrogate Court Judge, Hon. Joseph S. Mattina. The current Surrogate Court Judge, Hon. Barbara Howe, appointed Bernard A. Tolbert and Arthur F. DuC Musarra to fill vacancies on the Board and their contributions have been extremely valuable to the Board.

The Foundation carries on the work of the founders to benefit outstanding students enrolled in the leading hospitality schools throughout the United States. We honor these exceptional students, already juniors and beyond, every fall at our Annual Statler Scholarship of Excellence luncheon.

Our ongoing local scholarships have served hundreds of students as they continue their studies, graduate, and keep us informed of their progress in the ever growing hospitality industry. Many of these students have benefited from studying abroad and share their newly acquired skills with essays describing their experiences.

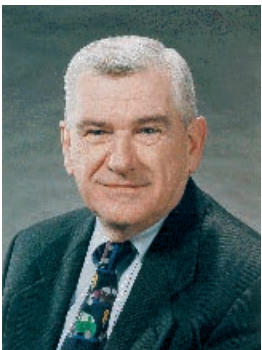
Our grants to the Olmsted Center have resulted in people with disabilities obtaining employment in the hospitality sector.

All trustees are engaged in granting decisions and in fulfilling our investment stewardship by working with a national financial consultant and providing regular updates for the full Board to review and approve.

We will continue to honor the enduring legacy of Alice and Ellsworth Statler.

Peter J. Fiorella, Jr.

2013 Chairman



As we continue our work in scholarships and grants, the legacy of hospitality pioneers, Ellsworth and Alice Statler, looms large. They sustained the core values of quality and customer service at the highest levels.

We have begun initiatives to enhance and increase the knowledge of these two leaders among all of our local and national grantees. Our Statler scholars are working in the industry around the globe and our higher education institutions are finding innovative ways to display the achievements of Ellsworth and Alice Statler.

The industry itself has changed and will continue to change. Hospitality in nursing homes, agencies that serve people with disabilities, and high-need populations are a strong part of our agenda going forward. Hospitality and tourism are significant factors in our economy locally, nationally and around the globe. All our programs will continue to play an important role in this field.

Robert M. Bennett

2014 Chairman



Culinary Institute of America (CIA)

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“The Statler Foundation has supported the Culinary Institute of America for many years and has helped it set the standard for excellence in professional culinary education.

As the world’s premier culinary college, the CIA provides thought leadership in the areas of professional excellence, health and wellness, sustainability, and world cuisines and cultures through research and conferences. The CIA also offers courses for professionals and enthusiasts, as well as consulting services in support of innovation for



CIA 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Jaleesa Mason and Trustee Arthur F. DuC. Musarra

the foodservice and hospitality industry. The college has campuses in Hyde Park, NY; St. Helena, CA; San Antonio, TX; and Singapore. More than 400,000 visitors and nearly 4,000 professionals a year pass through The Statler Atrium at the main entrance of Greystone, the college’s West Coast campus.”

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

“The success achieved by Niagara University’s College of Hospitality and Tourism Management is the direct result of support from The Statler Foundation over the past few decades.

Without the ongoing support of The Statler Foundation, NU would be indistinguishable from any other hospitality program. Statler provided us with funding to allow our students to attend industry conferences, work on student consulting teams, participate in experiential opportunities in different parts of the country, participate in international programs, and bring leaders in the worldwide hospitality and tourism industry to our campus. The Foundation gave us the means

to create almost seamless relationships with industry. Because of this support, and only because of this support, we became nationally ranked, had the 8th highest ranked curriculum in hospitality in the country, began our own international network of hotel programs worldwide, and achieved 100% student placement over the last 10 years with our students working all across the country and the world. It was this long-term partnership with The Statler Foundation, culminating in supporting our practical industry applications focus, which made Niagara University a leading national and international program in hospitality and tourism.

The biggest winners have been our students, who are employed at the Waldorf Astoria, The Carlyle, Four Seasons and other world-class hotels. Both Hyatt and Marriott in recent years have hired more students from Niagara University than from any other program in the country. Many students attending Niagara University would not think that working for an employer like the Waldorf Astoria would ever be possible. The Statler Foundation made this dream a reality for countless NU students.”



Trustee Edward Mike Flynn, Niagara University 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Laura Robinson and Maryalice Demler

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

“Cornell University’s School of Hotel and Administration has partnered with The Statler Foundation for many years. Founded in 1922, it was the first collegiate program in hospitality management in the country. Today it is regarded as the world leader in its field.

The school’s highly talented and motivated students learn from 60 full-time faculty members – all experts in their chosen disciplines, and all dedicated to teaching, research and service. Learning takes place in state-of-the-art classrooms and in varied industry settings around the world. The result: a supremely accomplished alumni group – corporate executives and entrepreneurs who advance the industry and share their wisdom and experience with students and faculty.

The Statler Hotel, a luxury hotel in the heart of Cornell’s Ivy League campus, showcases the talents of ambitious students, and, for many visitors, serves as the gateway to the university as a whole. The 153-room full-service property includes a conference center, three restaurants, and more than 14,000 square feet of meeting and banquet facilities. As a “Teaching Hotel,” it integrates hands-on learning into hotel operations and provides career-related job experience for students.”



Cornell University 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Francesca Filippini and Vice Chairman Peter J. Fiorella, Jr.

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

“Buffalo State is truly grateful for the strong relationship and support we have with The Statler Foundation. From practitioners who benefitted or current students who received scholarship support, to our students and faculty who will soon be learning and teaching in the state-of-the-art laboratories, the legacy of Ellsworth M. Statler’s generosity will continue to impact Buffalo State and the hospitality and tourism industry for many years to come.”

Statler Foundation Funds ‘Trip of a Lifetime’

“Eighteen hospitality and tourism students from Buffalo State experienced the wonders of Italian cuisine and culture firsthand during a seven-city tour of northern Italy. This trip of a lifetime was made possible by The Statler Foundation, which provided a \$33,000 grant to finance the majority of the travel costs.”

“Without this gift from The Statler Foundation, many of the students would not have been able to afford this opportunity,” said Rebecca Dowsey, lecturer and Statler Scholarship Coordinator.

Dowsey and Kathleen O’Brien, Director of Campus House, accompanied the students on the

study-intensive trip that earned them three credits as part of Dowsey’s cultural tourism course. The value of such a rich travel experience, of course, extends far beyond what can immediately be measured.

“This trip helped students understand the international component of the hospitality and tourism field,” said Dowsey. “Many of our students could end up working in different countries. Experiencing a different culture firsthand will not only transform their lives, but also will increase their career opportunities worldwide.”

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

“The Pennsylvania State University School of Hospitality Management has benefited from The Statler Foundation’s scholarship program for decades. In this period of time, many Penn State University students have been awarded The Statler Scholarship of Excellence, typically one or two students per year. It is one of the most prestigious scholarships available to our students. This scholarship program benefits students in the Hospitality Management major in the College of Health and Human Development at The Pennsylvania State University by providing financial assistance to cover the significant costs of tuition, fees and books.”



The Pennsylvania State University 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Carolyn Byer, Trustee Ernestine R. Green



Michigan State's Kellogg Hotel

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

“Our relationship with The Statler Foundation is much greater than a friendship, more binding than a partnership, and much more meaningful than a business agreement. The good name and reputation of Ellsworth M. Statler carries much weight. To be associated with such an iconic Foundation is a privilege, for you have consistently supported The School of Hospitality Business at MSU by providing financial assistance for our needy and deserving students for many years. These bright students are the future of the hospitality industry.

The past 15 years have been very difficult and challenging for many Midwestern families who were hit hard with the economic downturn. The School of Hospitality Business has had a steady increase in the number of students applying for scholarships each year; with many stating that their parents either lost their jobs or had their hours cut back so drastically that for many it looked like the end of their college education. However, with help from our industry partners, many students were assisted through financial aid and, as a result, many of

our students out of gratefulness not only graduated with high honors but got involved in university clubs and community efforts as their way of giving back. Others saw the wonderful effects of scholarship help and intend to give back in the same manner, so began their own pledge upon graduation to continue to contribute money towards a scholarship fund each year. All of this is due to the fine example that you set.”

Meet Michigan State University's Statler Scholar: Paul Finstad



Michigan State student and Statler Foundation Scholarship of Excellence awardee, Paul Finstad,

exemplifies many of Ellsworth Statler's traits. Hardworking, dedicated to service and determined, Paul's list of accomplishments is long.

He served as the CFO for the student Hospitality Association (HA) his junior year and was the group's CEO in 2013. The HA oversees nine student clubs and four major annual in-school events. In addition, he was president of the Real Estate and Investment Club and previously served as the club's vice

president of member and industry relations.

He established an exemplary academic record as a Spartan and earned a Hospitality Business Real Estate Investment Management Specialization. He participated in several hotel development conferences around the country and completed (to rave reviews) internships with Starwood Hotels and Resorts in San Diego and Parc 55 Hotel in San Francisco. He also worked with Pillar Hotels and Resorts in Dallas, honing his analytical and valuation skills in particular. Paul had several job offers and eventually began his career in Ernst & Young's hotel real estate consulting division.

“I cannot say enough about Paul's leadership,” says Ron Cichy. “He was a focused and professional leader, and at the same time able to draw students around him and get things done. His potential is unlimited.”

Paul feels “Hospitality is not just welcoming people into your home, it is delivering that compassionate service to every guest that walks into your establishment. Hospitality means going the extra mile to make a guest's day – every day.”

PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE

“The Foundation has continued its support of the hospitality and culinary arts program at Paul Smith’s. Recently, it supported the creation of The Palm at Paul Smith’s College, which features a menu inspired by the legendary Palm steakhouses. The college’s culinary arts students prepare steaks, seafood and other classic fare, while students in Paul Smith’s hospitality management program do the serving.

Paul Smith’s has deep ties with one of the Palm’s co-owners: Wally Ganzi who graduated from Paul Smith’s in 1963 before starting at the Palm, which was partly owned by his family. When Ganzi began at the Palm, there was just one location in New York City. Under Ganzi’s watch, the restaurant grew to 28 locations across the United States, as well as in Mexico City and London.

The intimate new space seats 32 and is lined with framed caricatures, much like the décor at the Palm. Renovations to the restaurant were funded by The Statler Foundation, the George I. Alden Trust, and the Palm Restaurants.

Phillip Taylor, former dean of the college’s School of Commercial, Applied and Liberal Arts, believes the new student training restaurant provides critical on-the-job experience. The



Florida International University (FIU)

Palm has always stood for the best in fine dining and hospitality, and our students will gain invaluable experience as they mirror its ways. Our expert faculty will work alongside our students in teaching them how to achieve these standards.”



Trustee Herb M. Siegel, Paul Smith College 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Amanda Middleton and Maryalice Demler

FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU)

“Since the School’s inception in 1972, The Statler Foundation has provided significant financial support that has been of direct benefit to our students, hospitality education in general and the hospitality industry. Initially funds were provided for hospitality library books. That was followed by funding for the Ellsworth M. Statler Professorship, the FIU Hospitality Review and the School’s first Distance Learning Classroom. Gerald Lattin, Ph.D., the distinguished educator and founding Dean of the School was the first Ellsworth M. Statler Professor, followed by Rocco M. Angelo, author and well-known educator.

The FIU Hospitality Review has provided a forum for hospitality faculty and industry leaders from around the world to present research and commentary and serves as a dynamic resource for students, faculty and industry executives. Thousands of students have benefited from the technologically advanced Statler Distance Learning Classroom that has given the School the capability to transmit hospitality classes to multiple distance sites.”



Paul Smith's College

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

“Mercyhurst University has been a grant recipient from The Statler Foundation for nearly two decades. In that time, Mercyhurst has made considerable capital and personnel improvements that would not have been possible without the foundation’s support. Mercyhurst named our Hospitality Management Department after the Foundation, and as such the Statler name appears in all communications that are sent by or with regard to the department. Each student in our program is introduced to all that Statler has done for the industry and for our programming at Mercyhurst University.

In the late 1990s The Statler Foundation supported the development of a computer laboratory in our campus library. The lab is still frequently used by students for various purposes, and is also used as a classroom for several courses each year. Mercyhurst has replaced the equipment over time, but the Statler name remains present in the facility.

Mercyhurst has been lucky enough to have many students receive the Statler Scholarship of Excellence over the years, and we typically broadcast this honor out to media outlets both locally here in Erie as well as the hometown of the



Mercyhurst University 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Anna Wills and Trustee Peter A. Vinolus

recipients. The University understands the competitive nature of these scholarships and is proud that our students have been selected as recipients.

Mercyhurst is honored to call The Statler Foundation one of our closest partners in educating the next generation of leaders in the hospitality industry.”

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (RIT)

“Students studying abroad leave behind their local views and return with a world view and a confidence that they can do anything, go anywhere, and be successful. Several students were able to have this type of learning-experience-of-a-lifetime thanks to The Statler Foundation.

They traveled to Dubai to learn first-hand how Hospitality and Tourism are handled in the Middle East. Students experienced many tourism activities and met with the management of hotels in Dubai and nearby Abu Dhabi, including the Burj Al Arab (sailboat shaped hotel), the Marriott Marquis, Arabian experiences in the desert (camels, a Bedouin style meal), Ski Dubai (indoor skiing in the mall), and the marina and golf course in this desert area.

They also traveled to Rome and Abruzzi, Italy and Dubrovnik, Croatia, where the real-life “curriculum” focused on unique food and wine experiences and tourism. Students are prepared in advance for this trip in the course *Tourism in the Adriatic Region*. Students compare and contrast tourism in the two countries and see food experiences such as growing saffron crocuses; digging truffles at the roots of trees in Italy; harvesting oyster beds in Croatia and producing wine in both countries.

The impact of The Statler Foundation on the professional development and future careers of our students is amazing. The Statler Scholarship of Excellence significantly assists students with essential college expenses that they cannot otherwise meet. This is particularly important in the current uncertain economic times. This scholarship award also provides outstanding recognition, encouragement, and reward for the hard work in academia and in real-world jobs that is essential to develop the future leaders of the hospitality industry.”



Rochester Institute of Technology 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Marissa DiPaolo and Trustee Bernard A. Tölbart

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

“Since 1989, The Statler Foundation has supported JWU through its Small Scholarship Program totaling more than \$400,000 and supporting more than 300 students. The foundation made a grant to the university to fund renovation of laboratory space for the hospitality program. Through its Scholarship of Excellence Program, the foundation has also distributed financial awards directly to a dozen students at Johnson & Wales University.

Helping the university establish a front-of-the-house laboratory space has been important for the training of students majoring in hospitality. In numbers and magnitude, the scholarship programs of the foundation have had a salutary effect on the education of hundreds of students at the university. Perhaps the best evidence of the impact of financial support comes in the words of the students themselves, these stories from students who received directed scholarships in the foundation’s Scholarship of Excellence Program.

Alexander Shea ’10 received a directed scholarship from the Scholarship of Excellence Program and has this to say about the experience: “I would say that the scholarship really allowed



Johnson & Wales University 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Alyssa Erb, Trustee Elyse Nemoyer

me to focus on my studies more. The history behind Statler and his hotels was something that I was not familiar with until I received the scholarship, but I learned about the history and the impact the Statlers had on the hospitality industry. Receiving such a reward of that magnitude also really pushed me to continue to excel academically and achieve the academic goals I had set for myself. It was also refreshing to meet with other students from around the country who shared my love of the industry and to learn what motivates and drives them to want to someday be leaders in the hospitality field.”

Christopher Stewart ’14 MBA ’15 also received a directed Scholarship of Excellence. He notes that since receiving the scholarship, “I have graduated from Johnson & Wales University twice, in 2014, with my BS in Hotel and Lodging Management, with a concentration in Food & Beverage Management, Sales and Marketing Management, and World Languages: Spanish. I have been with Marriott International as a Room Operations Voyager since graduation. I work all shifts, gaining a deeper perspective of operations. Quick response is a critical skill because our occupancy can increase rapidly, in response to any number of circumstances.”

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

“Greetings from Purdue University – the home of the Boilermakers! And the home of Marriott Hall! On behalf of the School of Hospitality & Tourism Management and Purdue University, I would like to thank The Statler Foundation for making available to our students the Scholarship of Excellence. To say the least, it can be transformative to those who receive it,” stated Richard Ghiselli, PhD., Head of School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Purdue.

“The strength of our program lies not only in outstanding students and faculty but also may be attributed to the support we receive from stakeholders –like The Statler Foundation. The generous support helps prepare the next generation of hospitality leaders.”

One of the most recent Statler Scholarship recipients, Rebecca Keutzer, had this to say: “When I received The Statler Scholarship, I was instantly humbled. This scholarship has provided me the opportunity to avoid expenses as an undergraduate, which will further allow me to attend graduate school without incurring so much debt. After announcing to my family that I had received this award, my uncle Russ Bond, who is a graduate of RHI at Purdue, informed me that he also received a similar award from The Statler Foundation in his day.”



Maryalice Demler, Purdue University 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Rebecca Keutzer, Trustee Donna M. Giota

ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ECC)

“The Statler Foundation continues its partnership with ECC’s Culinary Arts program, which teaches a variety of culinary skills including food preparation, wine appreciation, baking, methods and ingredients of international cuisines, America’s regional cuisines, banquet management and buffet presentation and the skills of the cold kitchen. Building practical skills is a highlight of the curriculum as students gain hands-on experience in the Statler Erie Room at North Campus and the E.M. Statler Dining Room at City Campus.

Graduates of the program can be employed throughout the hospitality industry as chefs, bakers, cooks and apprentices in hotels, restaurants, clubs and hospitals. They are also better prepared to attend nationally recognized culinary programs, as well as to transfer into bachelor’s degree programs in many areas of hospitality management.”

TROCAIRE COLLEGE

“The Statler Foundation’s generous support of Trocaire College’s Hospitality Management Program has enabled us to provide high-quality hospitality management training to students from a variety of backgrounds, most notably those who are economically and/or educationally disadvantaged. As the Hospitality Management Program has expanded, The Statler Foundation and Trocaire have collaborated to significantly enhance the lives of disadvantaged students in Western New York and prepare them for employment in a career field with significant growth potential.

Since 2007, student scholarships and academic coaching through The Statler Foundation have increased the ability of students to attend Trocaire College on a full-time basis. Trocaire’s Hospitality Management Program has grown by more than 230% since 2008 and 53% of our Hospitality Management students continue their hospitality education at four-year institutions. Additionally, the Statler name is linked with quality in the hospitality field and students are eager to associate themselves with a program that is receiving funding from The Statler Foundation.

Since the establishment of the Statler Start Program at Trocaire, the graduation rate among participants is greater than 79%. Trocaire College is tremendously grateful for and extremely proud of the support and friendship of The Statler Foundation over the past twenty years.”

OLMSTED CENTER FOR SIGHT’S STATLER CENTER

“More than seven out of 10 working-age blind Americans are unemployed. Olmsted’s mission is to change that. With the unyielding support of The Statler Foundation, we have graduated nearly 500 blind, visually-impaired and physically-disabled students, with a job placement rate for those graduates exceeding 82%.

The Statler Center remains grateful for the belief that The Statler Foundation has in the ability of disabled individuals, and for its willingness to support the training and placement efforts of the Center. On behalf of every graduate our program has produced, we thank you.”



Visually-impaired students are prepared for jobs in the hospitality industry with hands-on experience.

SPECIAL GRANTS

Buffalo Urban League

Funds were awarded to assist the Buffalo Urban League in its job training program in the culinary arts. Capital improvements were made to modernize the kitchen at 15 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY 14203. Trainees are heads of households seeking employment in the hospitality industry

Catholic Charities

The Statler Foundation supported a focused training program for new arrivals to our community. Partners included the State of New York and various hospitality employers who pledged jobs for the graduates.

Cradle Beach

A year round hospitality center for both children and respite services for adults allowed Cradle Beach to expand its programs in the Statler Center.

Heritage Centers

Heritage Centers was awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the creation of a Family Hospitality Center that will become the heart of its Maryvale School in Cheektowaga – “*The Place Where Hearts Help Minds Grow*”. This school serves 160 children ranging in age from 5 -21 yrs. with a broad spectrum of developmental disabilities and medical challenges. The Center will be designed in conjunction with students from the School of Hospitality at Niagara University. True to the inviting spirit of Ellsworth M. Statler, the intent is to create a warm, welcoming space where parents, students, teachers and therapists can meet to discuss the unique needs of each child and offer comfort and reassurance to families. Construction for this project is expected to commence this Fall. Upon completion, The Statler Family Hospitality Center will include a tribute to Ellsworth M. Statler.

Study Abroad

The Foundation recognizes that the hospitality and tourism industry is truly global. Providing funds to students to study and learn by living in a different culture provides a unique perspective for participants.

Emerson High School

The Statler Foundation has an on-going relationship to this, one of Buffalo’s most successful high schools. We have been impressed and pleased to support students with disabilities at Emerson.

Say Yes

We have made a 10-year commitment to Say Yes Buffalo students who enroll in a hospitality program in either a two- or four-year school.

SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE LUNCHEON

The legacy of Alice and Ellsworth Statler comes through loud and clear as we celebrate our annual Scholarship of Excellence Luncheon. At this event we honor outstanding higher education student achievers who have made a commitment to the hospitality industry. These students, their parents and their school leaders are featured with a major Scholarship as a reward for their many accomplishments in academics, work and volunteer service. The combined experience of these scholars is testimony to the vision and hope that Ellsworth and Alice Statler held. As we have noted, the scope and definition of hospitality now includes nursing homes, assisted living facilities and agencies dedicated to serving people with disabilities. We believe that these outstanding students who have committed to keeping us advised of their futures will greatly enhance and improve the hospitality industry in a global manner. Below are some highlights of the annual event.



Trustee Arthur V. Sabia, Paul Smith's College 2013 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Rebekah Kruppenbacher



Trustee Bernard A. Tolbert, The Pennsylvania State University 2013 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Jessie Glassmire, Vice Chairman Peter J. Fiorella, Jr.



Trustee Herb M. Siegel, Trustee Ernestine R. Green



Emerson High School Principal James G. Weimer, Jr., Instructor Brian Buccieri and Students



Niagara University President Father James J. Maher, CM, Trustee Edward Mike Flynn, Niagara University 2014 Scholarship of Excellence Recipient Laura Robinson, Dean Emeritus Gary D. Praetzel, PhD.



Chairman Robert M. Bennett



**“Life is service.
The one who progresses...
gives his fellow human
beings a little more,
a little better service.”**

Ellsworth Statler

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