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## OMNI MOUNT WASHINGTON RESORT REGISTERS CULINARY APPRENTICESHIP

*Culinary academy meets new benchmark while training apprentices for a growing hospitality industry.*

Bretton Woods, NH – The Omni Mount Washington Resort has met a new milestone by registering their Bretton Woods Culinary Academy as a Registered Apprenticeship with the US Department of Labor (DOL) Office of Apprenticeship. The culinary academy was developed in 2017 through a partnership with White Mountains Community College (WMCC) and most recently the resort collaborated with ApprenticeshipNH to have the program approved as a Cook Registered Apprenticeship. ApprenticeshipNH is a grant-funded program which seeks to address workforce needs in industry sectors throughout the state by helping employers develop apprenticeship programs that meet federal standards. This enhancement to the culinary academy will allow apprentices training to become top-notch chefs to also receive a national occupational credential from the US DOL.

“The Bretton Woods Culinary Academy began as an important way for us not only to invest in our employees and give them an opportunity to begin a career, but also a viable solution for responding to our hiring gaps,” said Josh DeBottis, General Manager. “We’re excited to take the next step and have the program approved as a Registered Apprenticeship. It brings a new level of rigor and recognition to the program, and provides an additional credential that makes the program more attractive to incoming apprentices.”

The program will consist of 503 hours of classroom instruction completed over the course of three years at WMCC. All required coursework is credit-bearing, and college credits earned by the apprentices are applied towards a Culinary Arts Associate Degree awarded by WMCC upon completion. The Registered Apprenticeship program at the Omni Mount Washington Resort also requires just over three years of on-the-job training, which equates to 6,200 hours. As cook apprentices, apprentices will learn with the support of a mentor how to prepare, serve, and plan a variety of menu items offered at the resort.

“This apprenticeship program enables participants to not only begin an exciting new career path in the industry, but also the opportunity to work towards a degree that allows the apprentices to learn and develop new skills while still receiving a paycheck,” said Emily Zeien, grant manager for ApprenticeshipNH. “The Omni Mount Washington Resort is demonstrating their commitment to their internal talent by developing this apprenticeship opportunity that allows employees to better themselves. Apprentices will have access to exceptional training and education resources that will prepare them to be successful in a new career,” Zeien said. “We applaud them for making such a significant investment in their workforce.”

To learn more about the [ApprenticeshipNH](#) program, including additional information on how your business can get involved, visit [earnlearnnh.org](#), or contact Emily Zeien at [apprenticeshipusanh@ccsnh.edu](mailto:apprenticeshipusanh@ccsnh.edu). For more information on the Bretton Woods Culinary Academy, visit [brettonwoods.com/bwca](http://brettonwoods.com/bwca). Application deadline for the next session is July 22.

### **About Omni Mount Washington Resort**

Omni Mount Washington Resort is an all-season resort destination in New Hampshire located at the base of Mount Washington and surrounded by the White Mountain National Forest. In September 2009, Omni Hotels began management of the property, which is home to the Omni Mount Washington Hotel, a National Historic Landmark and site of the International Monetary Conference of 1944, as well as Bretton Woods, New Hampshire's largest ski area. Additional resort lodging includes the Omni Bretton Arms Inn, which is also a National Historic Landmark, plus The Lodge at Bretton Woods. Recent renovations unveiled a restored 18-hole Mount Washington Golf Course, 25,000-square-foot The Spa, 20,000-square-foot Conference Center, outdoor pool complex and renovated guestrooms, lobby and public spaces. The Bretton Woods Canopy Tour was also added to the resort's list of amenities, which includes top-rated Alpine and Nordic skiing, 27 holes of championship golf and a full slate of additional seasonal activities. A variety of dining and activities is offered year-round, along with many traditional and cultural events. For more information, guests can call 1-800-The-Omni or visit [omnihotels.com/mountwashington](http://omnihotels.com/mountwashington)

### **About ApprenticeshipNH**

The ApprenticeshipNH Program, housed at the Community College System of New Hampshire, is a unique effort that prepares workers as Registered Apprentices to better compete in the modern workforce. Focusing on the Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Information

Technology sectors, the ApprenticeshipNH Program provides workers with invaluable opportunities to pursue highly-skilled, high-paying jobs, and opportunities for employers seeking to build a qualified workforce in NH. The program is funded through a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

### **About White Mountains Community College**

White Mountains Community College (WMCC) is located in Berlin, New Hampshire and is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire. WMCC offers associate degree and certificate programs plus training option to prepare students for 21<sup>st</sup> century job opportunities, as well as transfer and pathways to four year colleges and universities. Associate degree programs include automotive technology, culinary arts, early childhood education, health science, nursing, and trades management. WMCC is committed to working with businesses throughout the state to train and retain employees to develop a robust workforce across all sectors and embraces the “65 by 25 Initiative,” which calls for 65% of NH citizens to have some form of post-secondary education by 2025 to meet future workforce demands. For more information, visit <https://www.wmcc.edu/>

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