

# EXPLORING PARADISE

The official E-newsletter of FHTMS



University of Aruba

## Sabor Nocturno

Latin Elegance & Wine Affairs

Join us for an exciting Latin-themed wine pairing event on March 23rd, organized by the University of Aruba Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies in collaboration with Divi Aruba!

Mark your calendars for an evening of delicious wines and vibrant Latin flavors from 6pm to 10pm.

Stay tuned for more details by following us on our social media platforms!

*'A 5-course culinary experience'*



## Dean's Desk

It is with pleasure that we are introducing to you our first Faculty Newsletter. As we started our 2nd semester of this Academic year we wanted to reflect back and share with you the importance of our program to the community of Aruba. The faculty is committed to continuing to build strong relationships with our industry partners and the community by providing more opportunities for our students.

We would also like to acknowledge our colleague Kimberly Greaux in achieving her Doctorate. Congratulations one more time to our research specialist at the FHTMS Dr. Greaux.

**Sue-Ann Lee**

Dean

Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism Management Studies

## Public Holidays

March 18: National day

March 29: Good Friday

April 1: Easter Monday

## Activities on Island

March 18: Dia di Himno y Bandera at UA

March 10: Aruba International Half Marathon

March 18: Open House on Island

April 22: Earth Day Activities

April 27: Boulevard Race



### World Tourism Day ‘23

The entire FHTMS faculty was honored to be invited to World Tourism Day, where we had the opportunity to witness a captivating presentation on "Unreasonable Hospitality."

This eye-opening presentation shed light on hospitality's transformative power and its potential to change lives. The moving stories shared that day left an indelible impression on our faculty, reinforcing our dedication to excellence in hospitality education and research.



Make Earth Day Everyday!



## WORLD EARTH DAY

**Embrace the power of reusable items** – Invest in reusable alternatives to single-use products like water bottles, shopping bags, and coffee cups. By making small changes in our daily routines, we can significantly reduce the amount of waste we produce and contribute to a more sustainable future for Aruba and beyond.

Check out the website of [The Zero Waste Spot](#) to shop your 'Zero Waste Kit' and other reusable and sustainable products

### UA Earth Day Activities

Stay tuned for more information 



### Dates for Education



FEBRUARY 28  
SYMPOSIUM SERIES

SLAVERY: PAST & PRESENT IN ARUBA  
7 PM - 9 PM



MARCH 6  
CONFERENCE

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
9 AM - 3 PM



MARCH 21  
LECTURE SERIES

ARUBA CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOUNDATION  
3.30 PM - 4.30 PM



## Pepe Margo: An Immersion in Wine Selection and Curation

*The senior students of the Faculty of Hospitality Management Studies embarked on an insightful sight visit to Pepe Margo and The Wine Room, where they had the privilege of learning from diverse wine experts.*

Their journey commenced at Pepe Margo, a renowned establishment known for its exceptional wine selection and expertise in wine curation. Our senior students were introduced to the world of fine wines, encountering an extensive collection from across the globe, ranging from rare vintages to contemporary favorites.

At The Wine Room, our students were guided through a wine tasting led by experienced sommeliers. They had the opportunity to explore a diverse array of wines, each offering a distinct bouquet of flavors and aromas. This tasting deepened their appreciation for wine, expanded their knowledge of grape varietals, and honed their ability to discern the nuances of wine profiles.

## USC Sport & Event Program

We're excited to announce that the UA, in collaboration with USC and the Ministry of Education & Sport, will be hosting a Sport & Event program. This masterclass consists of five modules covering various aspects of the sports and events industry. The masterclass starts from Spring 2024 through Fall 2024 and the participants will be provided with a roadmap for successful event planning, implementation, and evaluation by the lecturers. The aim of this masterclass is to provide attendees with an extensive understanding of the business dynamics within the local, national, and international levels of sports and event management.

FHTMS is excited to welcome the participants at the University of Aruba!

## Alumni Testimonial

*"I thoroughly, recommend anyone who wants to progress in the world, to study at FHTMS, the undergraduate program gave me the skills to be able to manage such an extensive program at Giannis, while the MBA honored those skills and gave me the opportunity and knowledge to work in such a dynamic environment in the Revenue Development and Communications department in our prestigious, Locally, Regionally and Internationally renowned Queen Beatrix Airport."*

-Mary Joan Wardlaw





## Capturing Confidence on Junior Class Headshot Day

Our junior class had a special day dedicated to them as they had their professional headshots taken. Looking sharp and confident in their photos, these images will undoubtedly serve them well as they embark on their professional journeys in the hospitality industry.

We are proud of our students' accomplishments and look forward to supporting them in their academic and professional endeavors throughout the semester and beyond.

## Green Visionaries: Sharing Sustainable Solutions

In this day and age, we are all aware of the importance of sustainability. There are constant developments and innovations. Aruba has already taken steps to encourage environmental friendly practices among businesses by initiatives such as 'Aruba 2020', a ban on plastic usage, coral reef conservation efforts, and water management strategies. As we look to the future, it's crucial to brainstorm innovative initiatives, especially within the hospitality industry. What creative ideas do you have for sustainable programs in Aruba?

Share your thoughts and suggestions by emailing us at [fhtms@ua.aw](mailto:fhtms@ua.aw)

### Calling All Future Industry Leaders!

Join us for the University of Aruba's Open House on March 7th, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Explore our vibrant campus and discover the endless possibilities that awaits you!

6.00  
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6.30  
pm

#### General Information Session

You'll have the opportunity to engage with current students of the faculties, ask questions and gain insights.

6.30  
&  
7.30  
pm

#### In-Class Information Sessions

Dive deeper into program specifics and experience our dynamic learning environment.

Don't miss this opportunity to envision your future at the University of Aruba.

Mar 7, 2024  
6:00 PM

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HOUSE**



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