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NIC Students Graduate from Walt Disney School

On January 2nd, 2011 Kyle Hiltz, Pat Wagar, both second year Business Administration students, and Meaghan Luj, a Tourism and Hospitality Management student, returned home from their six-month employment term with Walt Disney World Resorts having proudly earned their 'ears'. "I was excited to see my family and friends," says Hiltz, "but I already miss the lifestyle and people there."

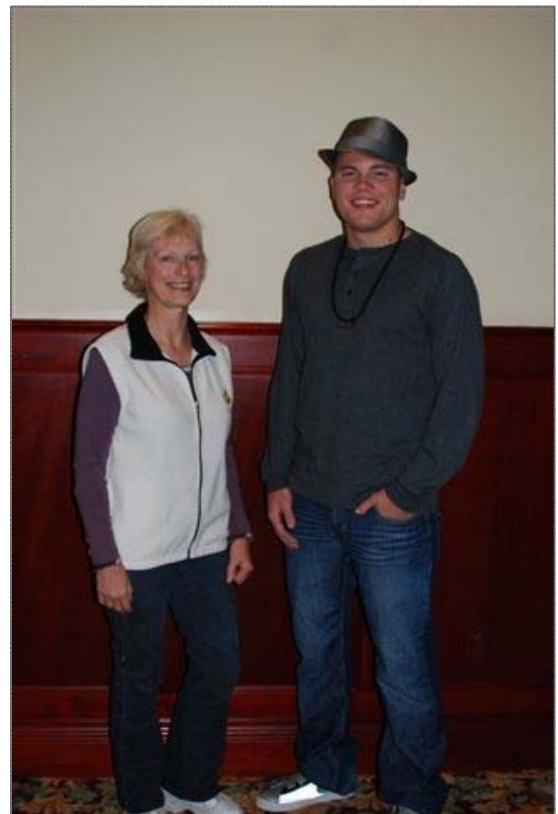
In the fall of 2009, North Island College partnered with the University of California, Riverside and Disney International College Programs to offer our students the opportunity to work, earn and learn at the most "magical place on Earth." Kyle, Pat and Meaghan were the first students to participate and recently completed the program with a Certificate in Management from the University of California, Riverside, credit towards their NIC credential and of course, their Walt Disney World Ducktorate.

"I met people from across the world," Hiltz exclaimed. "This experience has made the opportunity to travel around the world something real for me. The most valuable thing I learned was how important a second language is in the business world today. I'm looking into Spanish and French classes at NIC for the upcoming semesters."

This 6.5-month certificate program blends academic course work through the University of California with a supervised paid internship at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Participants in the program have the opportunity to gain real-world experience, learn valuable business concepts and develop transferable skills while working for one of the most highly respected companies in the world.

"Disney's marketing machine is second to none," states Wagar. "It was amazing to learn how much is involved behind the scenes, to see it from the inside. I discovered many of my own limitations and strengths. I would definitely recommend this program to anyone interested in communications."

The Disney experience is currently offered to NIC Cooperative Education Business Administration and Tourism and Hospitality Management students. Upon completing the program, students earn either a Certificate in Management or Hospitality and Tourism Management from the University of California, Riverside, and credit towards their NIC credential.



Recently returned from their magical Disney experience, NIC business administration students Pat Wagar and Kyle Hiltz.

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To qualify, interested NIC hospitality and business students must:

- Be accepted as a current Cooperative Education student;
- Be at least 18 years old;
- Have completed a minimum of 15 credits at NIC and be eligible to undertake the NIC internship portion of their academic program;
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Be recommended by appropriate NIC faculty;
- Have the financial means to pay for the program costs;
- Have a can-do attitude and an open personality; and
- Be willing to share a bedroom/dorm space.

Applications for the session beginning in July 2011 are available from Treena Nadon, Employment Services Advisor, in the Employment Resource Centre at either the Campbell River campus (Room C203) or Comox Valley campus (P 120). Applications must be submitted to Nadon no later than Friday, February 11th.

To find out more about the Disney International College Program please visit www.disneyinternationalprograms.com or contact Treena Nadon at treena.nadon@nic.bc.ca.

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