



HCC Honors Institute student Jonah Gorski.

## HCC Student Attends Democratic National Convention

Honors Institute student Jonah Gorski was accepted for an internship with The Washington Center for Internships. Jonah's internship was at the Democratic National Convention in Denver where he was joined by 500 other participants from 46 states and 11 foreign countries. The Washington Center developed the national convention program for college students and faculty to experience the excitement of this critical election year. Jonah had the opportunity to complete special behind-the-scenes assignments designed by Democratic National Convention organizers. Such assignments included the time that he spent reporting and support duties with media organizations such as CNN, Fox News, Univision, and Newsweek. According to Jonah, "My experience at the 2008 Democratic National Convention is one that I will never forget nor will I be able to describe the excitement of the convention. The people I met, the experiences I had, and the events I attended have made a major, significant impact on my life. I am invigorated and more focused and determined more than ever not to settle for anything less than achieving my goals."

A graduate of Tampa Preparatory High School, Jonah has been an active student in the Honors Institute for the past two years. Serving as an honors ambassador and member of the Arête board of directors, he has gained the experience and knowledge necessary to give presentations on behalf of the Honors Institute and HCC. Jonah has spoken on numerous occasions promoting the Honors Institute and HCC.

Jonah currently interns for Senator Obama's local campaign in Tampa.

## Dale Mabry Dietetic Technician Program Receives Accreditation

The college's dietetic technician AS program was granted "Candidacy for Accreditation" from the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education, the accrediting agency for the American Dietetic Association (ADA). The process for accreditation began two years ago under the direction of Associate in Science Degree Programs Dean Elizabeth Johnson with the development of an AS degree for dietetic technicians in response to industry demands among local dietitians. Dean Johnson explains that the decision to grant the program's accreditation candidacy was based on successful completion of a peer review of the self-study application, the site visit report, and response to the site visit report. Our students are now eligible to become active members of the ADA, and upon successful completion of our program, students will be eligible to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technician. Upon completion of the 64-hour degree program including both theory and clinical instruction, students will work in a variety of settings in the field of dietetics throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Professor Stephen Gagnon, M.S., CDM, and Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR), program manager, will lead the group of a cohort class of 20 students through their certification process.

We have an outstanding class beginning our program. Many are returning students with bachelor's and master's degrees, some international students who need credential updates, and local professionals interested in a career change. The students plan on developing their own club at the Dale Mabry Campus and volunteering throughout the community in the area of nutrition education.



Professor Stephen Gagnon



Jim Reese is pictured with a plaque honoring his election as Optician of the Year, with Dr. Amy Anderson, Dean of Health, Wellness and Sports Technologies.

## HCC's Jim Reese 2008 Optician of the Year

### Elected President of WCPOF

Jim Reese, faculty member of the opticianry program, was voted president of the West Coast chapter of the state Professional Opticians of Florida (WCPOF). The local chapter is one of the strongest chapters in Florida and is in the process of helping the Jacksonville chapter rebuild itself. Some of the activities the local board members are doing include a September trip to Jacksonville to conduct continuing education seminars. Jim was also voted Optician of the Year for 2008. Congratulations Mr. Reese!

Jim is part of a group of faculty that have, under the leadership of the program manager, Bill Underwood, led HCC's efforts in offering degrees online. He is a tireless advocate of distance learning students, is the "webmaster" for the Health, Wellness and Sports Technologies division, and prior to joining the faculty full-time, supervised the Opticianry Clinic, a state-of-the-art dispensary located on the Dale Mabry Campus. This clinic offers staff, students, and the public a lower cost alternative to retail opticianry stores for dispensing eyewear and provides an excellent clinical experience for our students.

## Dale Mabry's Culinary Team Takes the Bronze



The Dale Mabry's Hospitality Culinary Team received a bronze medal at the September 5, 2008, American Culinary Federation Junior Chefs Culinary Competition which was held in Orlando, FL, at the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Show. The team competed among 22 other culinary schools from California, Florida, and the Bahamas. Team members included Richard Shepherd, captain, Lila Barry, Amy Schmoll, Tiki Russell, and Elizabeth Pusateri. Coaches were Sandie Mallett, culinary lab assistant, and retired HCC professor Dr. George Pastor. The menu included an appetizer, salad, entrée, and a signature dessert.

Nutritional information and recipes are available by contacting Professor Fred Jaeger, hospitality management program manager, email fjaeger@hccfl.edu.