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## Former White House Chef Visits Morrisville State College

**MORRISVILLE, N.Y.**— An interesting guest recently spiced up a classroom experience for a dozen lucky [Morrisville State College](#) students. Former White House chef, Martin Mongiello, joined them in taking an International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) food certification class and exam.

Taught by former IFSEA president and food safety expert, Ed Manley, the seminar prepared students to take one of two exams which would certify them to be Master Certified Food Executives, Certified Food Executives or Certified Food Managers, depending on their exam scores.

The Syracuse IFSEA branch provided funding for [Morrisville State College](#) students to take the class and exam.

During a lunch break, Mongiello took some time to talk to students about his long and storied career, which included 21 years of Navy service and stints as executive chef and resort manager to the President of the United States at Camp David and sous chef to the White House for official state dinners. He answered questions and told stories of some of his favorite moments as a chef at the White House.

Mongiello has worked in the hospitality industry since 1978, making his way up the ranks from dishwasher to executive management positions. His expertise also extends to marketing and media, working trade shows, appearing on television, radio, in magazine articles and as a guest panelist and speaker to industry organizations.

His culinary medals, commendations and leadership awards total more than 200 and include the IFSEA Chairman's Award from Doctor Robert L. Mathews, a Lifetime Membership and Gold Medal from the All-Japan Cooks Association, an ACF chapter "Chef of the Year" award and the Admiral Frederick B. Warder Leadership award from the United States Naval Submarine League. He was knighted in Brussels, Belgium in 2001.

[Morrisville State College](#) offers more than 70 bachelor and associate degrees. Considered to be one of the most technologically advanced colleges in the nation for its ThinkPad University program and wireless technology initiative, the college recently became the first in the nation to comprehensively replace landlines in residence halls with individual cellular phones. [Morrisville State College](#) was also chosen as one of the top five colleges in the nation for campus activities by Campus Activities magazine. The [Morrisville State College Norwich Campus](#) also offers programs in business, computer technology, office administration, liberal arts/education transfer, early childhood and nursing to Chenango County area residents and employers.

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