



AUDIENCE PLEASERS

Entertainment Division of Special Event Associates, Inc.

Montclair State University honors Audience Pleasers

MONTCLAIR – Montclair State University awarded Dennis Telischak, President of Audience Pleasers and Special Events Associates, the 2008 Experiential Education Partner Award at the Center for Career Services and Community-based Learning Awards Ceremony held in the University Hall Conference Center on April 18, 2008.

“Mr. Telischak was recognized for his exceptional contributions as a Cooperative Education Internship Partner,” stated Elaine Russo, Associate Director of the Co-op Internship Center for Career Services and Community-based Learning. “This award is a testament to his dedication and commitment as a long-standing and faithful Co-Op employer.”



The Co-op program at MSU is part of a credit bearing educational experience in which student interns apply classroom book knowledge in the real-life work environment. Mr. Telischak’s students acquire firsthand experience dealing with all aspects of running Audience Pleasers. They have the opportunity to complete projects in their particular areas of interest, including marketing, production, customer service, and business development, among others. These positions meet academic department criteria and are arranged for a minimum of one semester.

Mr. Telischak heads Audience Pleasers, and Special Events Associates, they are event management and entertainment planning companies that have served the tri-state area for 38 years. His event coordinator interns have been instrumental in producing award-winning events, including the prestigious Dining Spaces Rising Star Award and are members of ISES, International Special Event Society.



MSU Cooperative Education is a university-wide work-based learning program. Partnerships with businesses and non-profit organizations are created to assist students in exploring how classroom learning applies to work-place practices. Since its inception, more than 700 businesses and non-profit organizations have partnered with MSU to advance the education of 14,000 MSU alumni.

Both full and part-time, paid and stipend co-op and internship positions are available to students. These positions meet co-op work-learning criteria and are arranged for a minimum of one semester. Screening criteria for the positions are determined by the employer and students meeting these criteria are referred for interviews using a web-based interface giving our students and employers 24/7 access. Hiring decisions are made solely by the employer. Interested students must apply at least one semester prior to enrollment in an academic course especially designed to foster reflective thinking and learning from experience.