

New LIGHT Casino Advancement Program Graduates First Class of 23 ‘rising stars’

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Atlantic City, N.J. — Twenty-three of the Atlantic City casino industry’s “rising stars” graduated on March 5 as part of the first in-person certificate program created by the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT) at Stockton University.

The Integrated Casino Resorts Operations Certificate Program is an eight-work course providing an overview of the casino industry to those interested in getting their first job in the casinos or moving into higher levels of management if they are already working at a property, said LIGHT Faculty Director Jane Bokunewicz, who’s also a professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies at Stockton.

“When you work in the casino industry, sometimes you are in one specific area, such as human resources or food and beverage, and you don’t always get to see the whole big picture,” she said.

Each week focused on a different area of the casino business — accounting and human

“I’m big on leadership. I like to hear other leaders speak and how they operate,” said the Winslow Township resident. “I take a little bit from this person, and a little bit from that person and then you build your own career from bits and pieces of everyone else.”

Robert Ambrose, a casino industry professional and consultant, taught the third week on slots operations and analysis. He appreciated being involved and said the program delivers a “profound message” to employees.

