

Bio for Christina Morales

Christina Morales was born and raised in Prunedale, California here on the Monterey Peninsula. She attended North Monterey County High School and then graduated through Ocean Grove Charter School. After high school, Christina was uncertain about what she wanted to do. Because she enjoyed helping her mom cook for church events, she decided to apply here at The Drummond Culinary Academy at Rancho Cielo Youth Campus in August, 2014.

Because Christina had already achieved her high school diploma, she was one of seven students selected to enroll into just the culinary component of this program. This past school year, Christina has shown her determination to be successful at The Drummond Culinary Academy through a positive attitude and hard work. She puts strong effort into her culinary class work and completes assignments on time. Christina attends class regularly and works hard in developing her culinary skills. As a result, Christina has been selected to work several special events this past year, including The Panetta Institute's annual *Evening to Honor Lives of Public Service* banquet, The Meals on Wheels Classique and The Culinary Roundup at The Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa.

Christina is currently on track to graduate at the top of her class with her Drummond Culinary Academy Professional Certificate on June 18, 2015.

Though Christina knew she wanted to continue her culinary education after graduation, the cost of tuition has been her main barrier. However, Mary Chamberlin met with Christina and encouraged her to apply at The Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Austin, Texas. Now, thanks to the generous scholarship of The American Institute of Wine and Food, her continued education is now a reality.

Christina is destined to do great things after she completes her degree at Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts. Her passion is pastry and plans to someday open her own bakery on the Monterey Peninsula.