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### **Detroit Apprenticeship Program Receives Department of Veteran Affairs Approval**

DETROIT, MI – Detroit Institute of Gastronomy (DIG) has recently received approval by the US Department of Veterans Affairs for their Sous Chef Culinary Apprenticeship Program. Now, our incredible Veterans can enroll in Southeast Michigan’s only Sous Chef culinary apprenticeship program and offset their education expenses using VA funding.

“This is an amazing opportunity to help the Veterans in the community build a lasting culinary career with the Detroit Institute of Gastronomy,” says Geoffrey Q. Devereaux, Executive Director of *NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND*. Students enrolled in the program attend classes online while working in the industry under approved chef mentors to build their hands-on techniques.

“Culinary Apprenticeships are the best way to learn the culinary arts. Students are hired by the approved place of employment and develop real world skills sets necessary for the industry. With classes held online, students are able to work full time while attending class. It really is a fantastic model for the culinary industry,” adds John Piazza, Culinary Program Director for Detroit Institute of Gastronomy.

DIG recently received its “Permanent Program Status” from the US-Department of Apprenticeship, a division of the US-Department of Labor. This approval allows the school to expand the wrap around services offered specifically for Veterans interested in a culinary education. “Our goal is to fill the skill gap in Detroit and the surrounding area with dedicated culinary students. We have seven globally recognized, stackable credentials built into the program to allow our students to graduate with an impressive resume and continue in their culinary education. We are very excited to be able to help our Veterans with a long-lasting career in the culinary arts,” Jeremy Abbey, Executive Director of Soil2Service, the parent non-profit of DIG adds.

To find out more, please visit, [www.detroitgastronomy.org](http://www.detroitgastronomy.org) or call 313-312-4025.

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#### **About Detroit Institute of Gastronomy**

“We are committed to provide quality education crafted to build students with a well-informed mind, skillful hands, feet that willingly carry responsibility, a head held high in confidence yet bowed down in respect, a heart for hospitality, and the spirit to serve others.”

Detroit Institute of Gastronomy is a Michigan Licensed Non-Profit Post-Secondary School offering a US-Department of Labor Registered Two Year Culinary Apprentices Program. As a division of Soil2Service, Inc, the focus of the school is to provide education that builds on a positive outcome and experience for the student.

#### **About Soil2Service**

“Improving the human condition through all things positive with a focus on food; we provide experiences and education to improve communities, individuals and systems.”

Soil2Service is a Michigan Non-profit corporation registered as a Federal tax-exempt 501(c)3. As our mission states, we strive to make a difference in the communities we serve by focusing on education focused on food.

Soil2Service is committed to developing high quality initiatives that not only meet our mission but are unique and innovative to the community. Not only through education but through our network of professionals, we are driven to develop and share positive habits focused on meeting the highest standards of quality.

For additional information please visit [www.soil2service.org](http://www.soil2service.org)

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