

**Current Event Assignment #4**  
**Due Wednesday of Week 13 (Due to Thanksgiving Holiday)**  
**10 points**

**Purpose:** The purpose of current events assignments are to find current hospitality examples of topics covered over the last few weeks. **Keeping current with what is happening in the hospitality industry is an important practice.**

- **Skills:** As a result of completing this assignment, you will practice written communication. Access and collect current information from appropriate primary sources.
- **Knowledge:** Students will gain learn how to access library databases, hospitality organizations research, and articles, podcasts, or videos found on the web.

**Task:** In order to complete this assignment you will execute the following. Post a current event on one of the Human Resources subjects covered in **Chapters 8 or 9** that relate to **employees or managers in the hospitality industry**. A few topics from the chapters include:

- **Performance appraisal process,**
- **Problems with performance appraisals,**
- **Methods of appraising performance,**
- **Performance appraisal training,**
- **Approaches to administering discipline,**
- **Discharge interviews, or**
- **Exit interviews.**
- Write one to two paragraphs that discuss 2-3 main points presented in the hospitality related article (200-350 words).
- Write one to two paragraphs that describe how it relates to human resources in the hospitality industry (minimum of 150 words).
  - The article you choose must be at least two pages long.
  - The article you choose must relate to the hospitality industry.
  - The article you choose must be published after 2012.
- Include the website address or link to the article if you cannot download and attach to this discussion posting.
- Be sure to put the reference information in your assignment using APA formatting.
  - Please cite your source. The minimum information that must be included in the citation is the following:
  - If printed or electronic journal article: Title of Article, Title of Journal, Date and Issue number (if available).
  - If web site: Title of article or company and website address.
- Post your current event assignment by Thursday at 10:00 pm.

**Criteria for Success:** A successful assignment will have the following characteristics:

- A critical evaluation of one of the chosen topic.

- Sources will be cited the end of your discussion using APA format.
- Notes to posting on the discussion board:
  - **You may use a word processor to complete the discussion before posting in Learn. Then copy and paste the information into the discussion board.**
  - Do not attach the file to the discussion area.
  - It is nearly impossible for the class members and for me to keep up with reading each posting if we have to download attached files.
- Proper grammar, spelling, and professional language are used.
- Late assignments are not accepted.
- Part of class participation is current events. Keeping current with what is happening in the hospitality industry is an important practice.
  - ✓ **You will be required to post 4 of the 5 current event assignments as assigned on Web Campus for up to a total of 40 points.**
  - ✓ You may use articles, podcasts or videos for this assignment. You may not use any of the additional readings, podcasts, or videos assigned for the weekly readings.
  - ✓ **Articles, podcasts, or videos may not be older than 2012.**

There are a lot of great resources for you to find current events:

- Workforce Magazine Online <http://www.workforce.com/> (free subscription - introduced during Week 1)
- Wall Street Journal ([www.wsj.com](http://www.wsj.com))
- <http://ahla.com/>
- <http://nationalrestaurantassociation.org/>