

Forte scholarships a major boost



Richard Cooke, general manager of The Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh, joins the students to celebrate the first year of the scholarships.

Six students from Queen Margaret University (QMU), Edinburgh, have been given a support package to prepare them for entering the hospitality, tourism and events industry.

The students from the BA (Hons) International Hospitality and Tourism Management and the BA (Hons) Events Management are amongst the first at Queen Margaret University to benefit from the Lord Forte Foundation Scholarships.

Each student has received £2,500, part of the £15,000 annual donation from the Lord Forte Foundation to the university, and the students can use their award to pay living expenses and other costs.

Professor Monika Foster, head of the division of business, enterprise and management at QMU, said: "Sir Rocco Forte is an honorary graduate of the university.

“These scholarships are proving to be of significant benefit for these students, helping to alleviate the financial burden associated with university study.”

Cornelia Hammarland, a BA (Hons) events management student, said: “The scholarship means a lot to me and as I was juggling two part-time jobs in hospitality alongside my studies to help pay rent and bills.”

Rocco Forte, executive chairman of Rocco Forte Hotels, said: “Hospitality, tourism and events is of immense importance to the Scottish economy and the encouragement of young people who will be future leaders in the industry is one of our main aims”.