



Distinguished Alumni



UNH alum Jeffery Hazell in his newest endeavor, Jeffery's Restaurant & Piano Bar in Orlando, Florida

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A Life of Seafood, Service Translates to Success

The bounty of the sea surrounded Jeffery Hazell '83 B.S. Hotel/Restaurant Management, in his childhood. He fished for it in the waters of the Atlantic off his hometown of Marblehead, Massachusetts; helped out in his father's lobster-fishing business; and he worked as a busboy at a local yacht club.

Hazell's early experiences served him well. After playing football at UNH, working as a waiter in several restaurants in New Haven, and otherwise virtually living in the college library, he graduated. He dabbled in a few jobs up North, smelled the beach breezes of Orlando, Florida, and was hooked.

He delivered lobsters door to door in the Orlando area, and then founded the now prominent Bar Harbor Lobster Company Inc. Not content to wallow in an early success, nor work for anyone else, Hazell opened a restaurant, Boston Lobster Feast. “It's the ultimate, it's the pinnacle,” he says. “You work for someone else for sixty hours a week and don't make much money,” he says. “So of course you want your own restaurant.” More Boston Lobster Feasts followed. But he yearned for something more.

He got it recently, when the doors of his dream restaurant, Jeffery's Restaurant &

Piano Bar in Orlando, opened in February.

The bounty of his success is not lost on Hazell. He has long been an advocate for the University's Hospitality and Tourism program from which he graduated, and he is determined to help it grow. And he has widened his perspective on success, realizing that he can make a difference in the lives of others.

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