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Coffee Technicians Guild Presents Scholarship Recipients to CTG Summit in Houston, TX

October 9, 2019 – The Coffee Technicians Guild (CTG), in partnership with Cimbali, Faema, and Slayer, has announced the recipients of the CTG Summit scholarships for the upcoming event held at Katz Coffee in Houston, TX on November 2-3, 2019.

For two days, attendees from around the globe unite with friends, both old and new, to dig deep into new topics, expand their network, and get inspired. This bi-annual gathering – previously held in Milan, Italy on May 14-16, 2019 – features a wide variety of educational sessions including hands-on workshops, research presentations, technology exploration, sensory experiences and industry insights. Participants customize part of their schedule to suit their interests and grow their career in coffee.

Registration is currently open, with an early bird discount available through Friday, October 11. [Registration information may be found here.](#)

CTG Summit Houston Scholars

The CTG Summit Scholarship is designed for people who lack the financial resources to attend CTG Summit on their own, but who belong in the environment of fellow technicians and deserve the opportunity for professional development. These Scholars are technicians with an interest in furthering their knowledge of working with specialty coffee equipment, who want to expand their experience and widen their network of coffee technicians.

Their bios are available on the [Coffee Technicians Guild's blog](#).

- Alice Parsons, Apprentice Coffee Engineer at Bailies Coffee Company in Belfast, Ireland
- Clinton Hodnett, Owner/Technician at Connected Coffee Solutions in Buffalo, NY
- Felix Casanovas Ramirez, Barista at Millennials Coffee / Friend's Café in Puerto Rico

Coffee Technician Skills Program Makes North American Debut

Coffee Technician Skills Program (CTechP) courses make their North American debut at CTG Summit Houston. Three new courses will be offered, two of them being beta courses, including:

- Hydraulics Foundation (1-day) with Benny "The Badger" Walters
- Hydraulics Intermediate Beta (2-day) with David Miller
- Electrical Foundation Beta (1-day) with Richard Muhl

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Each of these courses will be led by content creators. Those taking both the Electrical and Hydraulics Foundation will have a strong introduction to the key components of coffee machines and should be able to safely install equipment following the two courses.

Additional education offerings may be found on the [event website](#).

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Note to Editors

CTG Summit: November 2-3, 2019 – Houston, TX, USA

- [CTG Summit Houston Website](#)
- [CTG Summit Houston Scholars photos](#)
 - [Alice Bio](#)
 - [Clinton Bio](#)
 - [Felix Bio](#)

About the Coffee Technicians Guild

The Coffee Technicians Guild (CTG) is an official trade guild of the Specialty Coffee Association (SCA) dedicated to supporting the coffee industry through the development of professional technicians. The CTG strives to be the voice of technicians within the coffee community. Founded in 2016, the guild is now welcoming its first members and hopes to create a community of technicians who can provide mutual support and knowledge, as well as provide opportunities to develop skills and learn best practices.

About Cimbali

Cimbali's mission is to be recognized as a world leader in the production of professional machines for espresso coffee beverages, representing their history and designing their future with our brands. Anticipating customers' needs with innovative, superior-quality products and outstanding service. To enhance and develop human resources, in a context increasingly geared towards teamwork, integration and synergies.

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About Faema

Faema's mission is to be recognized leader in the world of professional espresso coffee drinks machines, representing their history and designing their future with their own brands.

Anticipate customer needs with innovative, superior quality products and excellent service.

Enhancing and developing human capital, in a context increasingly oriented towards teamwork, integration and synergy.

About Slayer

Slayer designs and manufactures professional espresso machines for a discerning global clientele. Since 2007, our revolutionary products have been provoking innovation in coffee and elevating the worldwide standard for specialty.

Two machine series, assembled by hand in Seattle, feature patented methods for preparing espresso and steaming milk. Slayer is the recipient of "Best New Product" awards from the Specialty Coffee Association of America (Slayer Espresso Single Group) and World of Coffee (Slayer Steam). We are an official SCA member with deep roots in coffee and continued efforts toward the advance of our industry.

About the Specialty Coffee Association

The Specialty Coffee Association (SCA) is a nonprofit, membership-based association built on foundations of openness, inclusivity, and the power of shared knowledge. From coffee farmers to baristas and roasters, our membership spans the globe, encompassing every element of the coffee value chain. SCA acts as a unifying force within the specialty coffee industry and works to make coffee better by raising standards worldwide through a collaborative and progressive approach. Dedicated to building an industry that is fair, sustainable, and nurturing for all, SCA draws on years of insights and inspiration from the specialty coffee community.

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