



## In the shoes of a scholarship recipient

### JULIE VIRTEL



22 years old

Bachelor in International Hospitality Management

“ My name is Julie Virtel, I'm 22 years old and a student at Institut Paul Bocuse on the Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management. For the third consecutive year, I had the pleasure of being awarded the G&G Péligsson Foundation's Academic Excellence Scholarship in 2020.

Being part of Institut Paul Bocuse gives you the opportunity to take part in some truly exceptional events. I was lucky enough to be able to serve at the Elysée Palace on the occasion of the Déjeuner des Grands Chefs du Monde in September 2019. It was a privilege to work with the staff at a place so steeped in symbolism and history. I have served Chefs whom I have admired for several years. I know that an opportunity like this is a rare one. The images of the Elysée Palace are engraved in my memory forever, and I think I can say that this very special day represents one of the most beautiful experiences in my time at the Institute.

Moreover, Institut Paul Bocuse is a school that allows us **to defend the ideas that are dear to our hearts**. Ecology is a subject that I want to integrate fully into my professional life and which is becoming increasingly important in our sector. This is why we have created, with five of my fellow students, the "Eco-Campus" society. Our aim is to raise students' awareness of environmental issues, to promote the work done on this subject at Institut Paul Bocuse, and to develop new initiatives for a greener campus.

Throughout my three years studying on the programme, the scholarship from the G&G Péligsson Foundation has enabled me to **develop my commitment within the School**. I was able to participate twice in the Student Exhibition in Paris. On this occasion, I really enjoyed sharing the School's values and making its different courses known to potential applicants. I also particularly appreciated taking part in the Open Days, during which I was able to meet our future students and answer their questions.

In addition, this scholarship offers me real security and allows me to envisage my studies with peace of mind. **I'm grateful to be able to benefit from this invaluable assistance and proud to be an ambassador for Institut Paul Bocuse.**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the G&G Péligsson Foundation donors, thanks to whom I can look forward to the rest of my studies at Institut Paul Bocuse with confidence.