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Julie Cho was working in the Hollywood film industry in the marketing departments of companies like Paramount Pictures and New Line Cinema when she decided to change careers and study to the culinary arts. "It is something I always wanted to go into, and finally had the courage to do it," Julie said, who hopes to some day own a dessert and wine bar in her native California.

Now age 27, Julie had attended the University of California San Diego before enrolling at the Culinary Institute of America. "My mother has been my greatest supporter in this endeavor," said Julie. "She has always been my inspiration. Watching her cook my family dinner everyday while growing up really taught me about the flavors and tastes of Korean cuisine."

Julie started her foodservice career at an organic bakery. "I think the most important aspect I got out of this job was 'organization'," Julie said. "I was put in charge of over 30 different items to measure out and organize for mise en place everyday, so it was really important to come in with a game plan."

Those concepts were solidified by her CIA studies—particularly with her Skills 1 and 2 instructor Chef Alberto Vanoli—and at her externship at Kai Restaurant in New York City's upper east side. The elegant restaurant serves food inspired by kaiseki, the Japanese meal served after a tea ceremony. "It was a really great place to work at because it was a small restaurant (40 covers) so I was able to work directly with the executive chef," said Julie. "He taught me how to work clean and efficient—which I think are two important factors to be a good cook."

For Julie, who participated in the Korean Culture Club and the Food and Science Club during her time at the CIA, the Sarrazin scholarship has served as an inspiration. "This scholarship shows me that hard work is recognized. It will drive me to work even harder in the future," Julie said.