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Patrons fill the main hall at the Daytona State College Foundation's "An Evening in Tuscany" gala held at the Hosseini Center in Daytona Beach on Friday.

COLLEGE PARTY

Foundation pleased with turnout for DSC fundraiser

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DAYTONA BEACH — Vines, European wines, music and an ice sculpture with the Tower of Pisa on it transformed the Hosseini Center into "An Evening in Tuscany." The Daytona State College Foundation sold 350 tickets to Friday's fundraising gala.

"This event is so spectacular and in this magnificent setting, it really does bring a piece of Tuscany to Daytona Beach," Daytona State College President Carol Eaton said.

About 75 students and chef instructors from Daytona State's Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality and Culinary Management helped with the event including cooking food at the various stations.

Student Arielle Jenkins, 23, said



Daytona State College President Carol Eaton, left, Trish McBride and Jim Gardner chat at the gala fundraiser Friday.

it was "a blast" making chicken on rosemary skewers on an outside patio.

The gala at the Daytona Beach campus, which included a silent auction, is one of the main fund-

raisers for the foundation, which provides scholarships and funds for other college needs.

Jim Gardner, a former college board chairman and longtime supporter, was also honored. A past president of ITT Community Development Corp., Gardner was instrumental with ITT's donation of 100 acres for the college's Flagler/Palm Coast campus.

"We're really enjoying it," said Gardner, who was with his wife, Jan.

He stressed his continued support, adding three of his sons are graduates and two grandchildren now attend.

Kay Burniston, the foundation's new executive director, and Donna Sue Sanders, the outgoing executive director, were thrilled with the turnout.

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LEFT: An ice sculpture with scenes of Italy graces the event. **ABOVE:** Visitors browse the items in the silent auction. **RIGHT:** Junior Ryan Sessoms, right, pours a little wine for Gary Roberts.

