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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE HOSTS AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION COMPETITION MAY 4



Bellingham, Wash. — The heat will be on in Bellingham Technical College's kitchens this weekend, as the college hosts the American Culinary Federation and Washington State Chefs Association Culinary Salon Competition Saturday, May 4.

The competition will bring professional and student chefs from throughout the state to compete in timed cooking challenges in BTC's Culinary and Pastry Arts program kitchens. Challenges range from showpieces and desserts to mystery baskets that force competitors to be innovative and creative with surprise ingredients.

"Competitions play a vital role in culinary arts as they continually raise the standards of culinary excellence," says BTC Culinary Arts Instructor Brian McDonald. "There is no better way for a culinarian to hone their craft than by putting their skills and knowledge to the test in a competitive format."

Six BTC students in the Culinary Arts and Pastry Arts programs will compete in the competition. Students benefit from seeing and supporting professional chefs as they apply sound judgment and cooking skills to prepare a mystery basket of several surprise ingredients to create a two-, three- or four-course fine dining menu. In addition, students can experience an entry-level competition preparing an entrée or dessert menu item while under the watchful eye of several Certified Chef judges, including a Master Chef — one of only 67 Master Chefs in America.

This event is open to the public, but there are limited places to view the competition. The public can view





finished dishes in BTC's G Building 102 and 103. All dishes should be done by 2:30 p.m., with awards announced at 3:30 p.m.

This competition is sponsored by the American Culinary Federation and the Washington State Chef's Association, the local chapter of the ACF, which is the premier professional chefs' organization in North America with more than 17,500 members in over 150 chapters nationwide.

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven transfer degrees such as pre-nursing, computer science and business. Completion of these degrees prepares BTC students to transfer with a junior status to participating colleges and universities in Washington State. BTC offers 39 associate degree, 55 certificate options and two bachelor of applied science degrees providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.edu.

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