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Teams take home top awards at 2014 ICA High School Culinary Invitational

OMAHA, Neb. — About 100 high school students representing 13 Nebraska schools showcased their culinary arts skills at the ninth annual ICA High School Culinary Invitational Feb. 21–22. The event was held at the Institute for the Culinary Arts on Metropolitan Community College's Fort Omaha Campus, 32nd Street and Sorensen Parkway.

Teams competed for culinary glory by preparing three-course meals, testing their industry knowledge and devising restaurant concepts. Students represented the following high schools: Bellevue East, Fremont, Gross Catholic, Louisville, Milford, Millard Horizon, Omaha Bryan, Omaha Career Center, Papillion-La Vista, Papillion-La Vista South, Plattsmouth, Ralston and Roncalli Catholic.

Judges from postsecondary colleges and universities, local chefs and restaurateurs critiqued their work. Scholarships, gift certificates, medals and a trophy were presented during the awards ceremony on Feb. 22.

Culinary Competition

First place—grand prize: Millard Horizon — MVC's
Second place: Milford — The Cheftastics

Hospitality Knowledge Bowl

First place: Millard Horizon — MVC's
Second place: Millard Horizon — Heaven's Kitchen

Management Competition

First place: Papillion-La Vista South — Spicemasters Return
Second place: Milford — The Cheftastics

Best of Beef: Milford — Cheftastics
Best of Pork: Papillion-La Vista South — Spicemasters Return

Best Starter: Millard Horizon — Breakfast Club
Best Main Plate: Papillion-La Vista South — Spicemasters Return
Best Dessert: Omaha Career Center — The Four Amigos
Banner: Plattsmouth — Blue Devil Chefs
Market Basket: Omaha Career Center — Pirates of the Caribbean

The Invitational is supported by MCC students, staff and faculty and by leaders in the food and hospitality industries. The event recognizes students for teamwork, excellence in culinary skills and knowledge about the industry. Additionally, it gives leaders in the industry the opportunity to interact with and evaluate future leaders. The event showcases the culinary arts and hospitality programs at MCC, which prepare students for careers in the food and hospitality industries.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable and quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 students annually.