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HAMPTON BAYS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY CULINARY ARTS AT SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Riverhead, NY – Luke Gustafson, of Hampton Bays High School, was the winner of a culinary competition for high school students held at Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center in Riverhead. As the winner of this competition, Mr. Gustafson will receive a $1,500 culinary arts scholarship to attend the College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality degree program.

Each student participating in the competition utilized a modern culinary work station and was given one whole chicken, red potatoes and string beans. From these basic ingredients, they were instructed to create an imaginative meal ready to serve in one and a half hours. Students currently enrolled in the College's culinary program assisted the contestants, providing spices and additional condiments as needed by the young chefs. The final meals were judged by five chef/instructors and were rated for taste, appearance, creativity, culinary technique, use of ingredients and cleanliness of work station, with points awarded in each category.

Mr. Gustafson's winning dish was chicken with tomato and mushroom sauce, garlic mashed potatoes and seared string beans. Mr. Gustafson is currently employed as a line cook at Oakland's in Hampton Bays.

Daniel Insoyna, a junior at Southold High School, came in second place; Ruben Bernacet, a senior at Bellport High School, came in third.

Richard Freilich, Director of Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts Program, said the competition was created in 2008 to provide high school students with real-world experience. "This competition takes students a step closer to becoming professional chefs. It is a great opportunity to help them grow and to see if this is truly a career they want to pursue."

Boasting 28,000-square-feet of beautifully designed space, the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center at Suffolk County Community College is widely recognized as the premier culinary instructional facility on Long Island.

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About Suffolk County Community College
Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 26,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering affordable college tuition, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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