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## WEST BABYLON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY CULINARY ARTS AT SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Riverhead, NY – Kimberly Gulcharan, of West Babylon High School, was the winner of a culinary competition for high school students held on May 4, 2010 at Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts & Hospitality Center in Riverhead. As the winner of this competition, Ms. Gulcharan will receive a Culinary Arts scholarship and book stipend (valued at \$4,000) to attend Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality degree program.

The High School Student Chef Competition, sponsored by Long Island Chef n'Bar-B-Que, was created to support student learning, foster excellence in culinary arts and increase overall awareness regarding the level of culinary talent present on Long Island.

Twelve Suffolk County high school students participated in the competition. Each student utilized a modern culinary work station and was given one free-range chicken, two russet potatoes and a bunch of asparagus. From these basic ingredients, each student created an imaginative meal ready to serve in one hour and a half. Students currently enrolled in the SCCC culinary program assisted the contestants, providing spices and additional condiments as needed by the young chefs. The final products were judged by five chef/instructors for taste, appearance, creativity, culinary technique, use of ingredients and cleanliness of work station, with points awarded in each category.

Mr. Gulcharan's winning dish was composed of pan-seared chicken with garlic-scented mashed potatoes and roasted asparagus with a shallot wine sauce. Chelsea Rick of Wilson Tech was awarded second place in the competition and Marvin Cooper of Brentwood Sonderling High School finished in third place.

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.



Photo Caption: Richard Freilich, SCCC Director of Culinary Arts, honors Kimberly Gulcharan of West Babylon High School as the winner of a culinary competition for high school students. The competition was held on May 4, 2010 at Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts & Hospitality Center in Riverhead.

## **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 more than 23,000 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.) degree, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at sunysuffolk.edu.

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