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SFCC Brings “Chopped” to Santa Fe with International Cuisine Student Competition

Public invited to watch, 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, Room 413 at SFCC

SANTA FE - On Thursday, October 27, students from Santa Fe Community College’s International Cuisine class in the college’s Culinary Arts Program will put their training into practice with the 5th annual International Cuisine Student Competition.

As in the Food Network’s show *Chopped*, competitors will work with surprise ingredients revealed to them upon opening a basket that they’ve selected. They’ll have to rely on skill, speed and the knowledge they’ve gained from the International Cuisine course (as well as additional ingredients from the walk-in, dry storage and freezer) to prepare a four-course meal consisting of a soup, starter, entrée and dessert.

The four featured cuisines this year are France, Italy, Africa and South America.

Four teams of four students (or “chefflings,” as Lead Instructor for Culinary Arts Michelle Roetzer calls them) will each select a basket of ingredients reflecting one of the regional cuisines the students have studied. The students will open their baskets at 1:30 p.m. and have to have a meal planned and prepared by 4:30 p.m.

Judging will start at 4:30 p.m. This year’s judges are chefs Matt Ostrander from Luminaria, Charles Dale from Terra at Encantado, James Campbell-Carusio from La Boca and Rocky Durham and Tanya Story from SFCC.

Besides bragging rights, the student teams will vie for prizes including knives, chef coats, sharpening steels and miscellaneous kitchen tools.

The public is invited to watch the competition starting at 2 p.m. in the new culinary arts lab, Room 413, which was funded by a bond issue approved by Santa Fe County voters. For more information, contact SFCC’s Michelle Roetzer at (505) 428-1435 or michelle.roetzer@sfcc.edu.

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