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Canada's junior chefs mentor SIAS students

Students learn pro tips in preparation for gourmet fundraising gala

Saskatoon, February 9, 2012 – Professional Cooking students from SIAS Kelsey and SIAS Palliser campuses will meet with Junior Culinary Team Canada's chefs tomorrow. Forty-eight SIAS students will learn presentation tips and tricks as well as product development while prepping for the Chefs' Gala Dinner.

Junior Culinary Team Canada, comprised mostly of students from Vancouver Community College, is training for the IKA/World Culinary Olympics in 2012 in Erfurt, Germany, in October, in part, by participating in competitions and fundraisers across Canada. In 2009 the team won the right to represent Canada at the Culinary Olympics. The team trains for three years under guidance and support of the Canadian Culinary Federation.

Ryan Marquis, vice president, Canadian Culinary Federation Saskatoon Branch says, "It is exciting to have the Junior Culinary Team Canada look at Saskatoon as one of their national stops. Their Canadian tour includes major centres like Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal." He adds, "The last time a national team visited was in 1980."

Rhonda McCorrison, SIAS's dean of Community Services, says, "It is important for our Professional Cooking students to connect with a national association of this calibre. The Canadian Culinary Federation opens doors to advanced culinary careers and specialized training opportunities."

Junior Culinary Team Canada will be joined by four SIAS students, when they prepare the reception and appetizers for the Chefs' Gala Dinner on Saturday night.

The 3rd Annual Chefs' Gala Dinner is hosted by the Saskatoon branch of the Canadian Culinary Federation and is designed to promote city chefs and restaurants as well as local and national ingredients and beverages. Proceeds from the fundraiser go toward the Station 20 West project in Saskatoon to help construct a grocery market in a needy area of the city.

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