

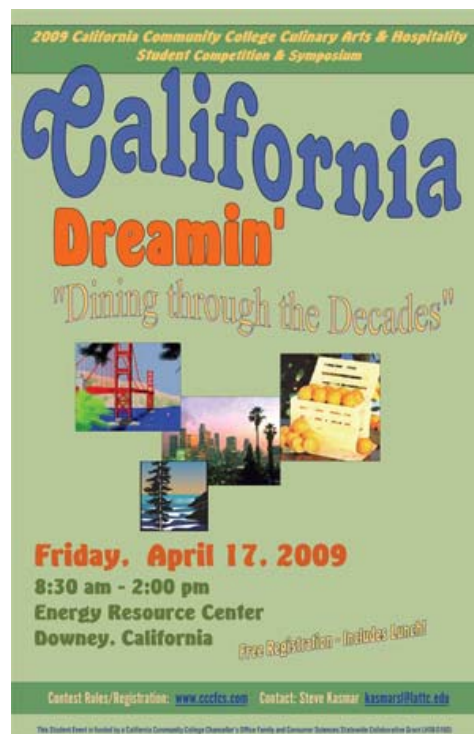
2009 Culinary Arts and Hospitality Competition and Symposium Recap

This year's competition included two categories. The first was a poultry competition sponsored by Shelton's Poultry. Shelton's has been very generous by offering product, speakers and cash scholarships for the top three contestants. Trophies were also awarded to the winning contestants. This year's theme was "California Dreamin: Dining through the Decades". Schools that sent competitors were:

Los Angeles Trade Technical College
Saddleback Community College
Glendale Community College
Cypress Community College
Cerritos Community College
Los Angeles Harbor College
Los Angeles Mission College
Bakersfield Community College
Riverside Community College
Orange Coast College
Yuba Community College

The following awards were presented:

1st Place and \$1,000 to Erin Solis - Cerritos Community College
2nd Place and \$500 to Brodie Curtis - Orange Coast College
3rd Place and \$250 to Mark Porter - Riverside Community College



- During the Competition an educational Symposium also took place. Student were treated to lecture demonstrations from Ray Maxa, Corporate Executive Chef for Sysco Food Service. Chef Maxa discussed food and sampled items that are grown in California to highlight the impact of the carbon footprint from transporting foods long distances.
- Chris Montalban from SCA Tissue presented a PowerPoint on of how to green our Restaurant Kitchen's "by using products that are environmentally friendly".
- Erica Samons, Food Marketing Specialist for the California Beef Council presented a lecture on the California Beef industry focusing on organics and center of the plate presentation. She also provided great handouts on beef Marketing, Fabrication and Cooking.
- Chef Ray Duey, master vegetable and fruit carver, who won a recent Food Network competition, did a fabulous presentation on the tools and techniques used to make decorative centerpieces that can be utilized for table and banquet presentation.

Southern California Gas Company has been very generous with the free use of its Energy Resource Center for the competition for the last five years. Special Thanks to Sysco Foodservice for providing lunch for all attendees. This year's Student Competition and Symposium drew the largest student and faculty presence in the recent years of the Symposium. Thanks also to Arranaga food service for providing raffle prizes and to Gina Ann Christian from the Preferred Marketing Group for providing prizes for the tablescaping Competition.

Colleges Represented in the Tablescaping Competition were:

Los Angeles Harbor College
Bakersfield Community College
Orange Coast College
Yuba Community College
Cypress Community College
Los Angeles Mission College
Los Angeles Ttrade Technical College

The winners for the Tablescaping Competition were:

1st Mike Mahalick Cypress Community College
2nd Rosie Kirkland Yuba Community College
3rd Anna Melby Bakersfield College