

## **Monroe College to Host America's Best High School Chef Competition Finals - Four New York High Schools Selected**

Beginning Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19, the Monroe College School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts will host the finals of the ***America's Best High School Chef*** competition in the college's state-of-the-art Culinary Arts Center on Main Street in New Rochelle, NY.

The search for ***America's Best High School Chef*** began in the fall and it will culminate in the three-day culinary competition between eight teams comprised of high school seniors who have a strong desire to pursue the culinary arts in the future. Four of those teams are from New York City. In their entries and through the finals the teams are judged on teamwork, skill and leadership abilities.

The main competition events will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 8:00am-5:30 pm and Sunday, April 19 from 9:00am-4:30pm in the Culinary Arts Center located at 434 Main St in New Rochelle. Ultimately, the top-rated member on the winning team will be acknowledged as ***America's Best High School Chef***.

The eight finalists are:

- Bergen County Technical High School (Paramus, New Jersey)
- Food and Finance High School (Manhattan, NYC)
- Harry S. Truman High School (Bronx, NYC)
- Middletown High School (Middletown, New York)
- Port Richmond High School (Staten Island, NYC)
- St. Croix Career and Technical Education Center (Kings Hill, Virgin Islands)
- Tottenville High School (Staten Island, NYC)
- Warwick Area Career and Technical Center (Warwick, Rhode Island)

"This competition fits into the Monroe concept of real-world education," said Frank Costantino, Dean of the School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts and a certified American Culinary Federation competition judge. "We're providing a real world opportunity for motivated high school students to demonstrate their skills in a state-of-the-art facility, get a taste of what's it's like to perform under pressure, and even have a chance to win a scholarship."

Among the prizes is a full academic scholarship to the Monroe College School of Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts and admission to the 15-week study abroad program in Italy.

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