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Culinary Students Excel at Skillsusa

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Nine students from the Culinary Arts Program at Ozarka College competed recently against students from other state vocational-technical institutes and colleges in the 42nd annual Arkansas Association of SkillsUSA 2008 Championship Conference, held at the Hot Springs Convention Center on April 15-16.

For the second consecutive year, Ozarka swept the Commercial Baking category with Gold winner, Kim Brown of Glenwood; Silver winner, Danielle Vickers of Marshall; and Bronze winner, Keisha Strader of Rosie. The competitors had to prepare several baked goods including: apple Pie, yeast bread, dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls, fruit filled coffee ring, French horns, sugar cookies, puff pastries and cake decorating.

Three students competed in the Food and Beverage Service category; Ginny Tebbetts of Bryant won Gold; and Zona Buchanan of Horseshoe Bend won Silver. Daren McCown of Bryant also competed. The competition in this category tests students on their ability of hosting, table setup and serving guests in a full course dining situation.

Three students competed in the Culinary Arts category. Joey Stender of Ash Flat took the Gold medal in that division. Hannah Hardin of Newport and Jarret Wilson of Viola also competed in this rigorous category, which included technical cuts on poultry,

making a broth then using it for an entree; preparing a Caesar salad, rice pilaf, sauteed chicken, and julienne strips of zucchini and yellow squash.

Accompanying the students to the competition was Ozarka College's SkillsUSA Advisor and Culinary Arts instructors, Linda Taylor and Mimi Newsome. Taylor was ecstatic with the results from the competition saying, "These students work so hard throughout the year. They put in long days and nights and this event is a culmination for their efforts." She adds, "This group of students represented Ozarka College and their communities at a level that is second to none!"

Along with the medals, students are also awarded scholarships to attend Sullivan University for Hospitality Studies in Louisville, Kentucky. The three Gold medal winners are also eligible for the National SkillsUSA competition which will take place in Kansas City, Missouri this June.

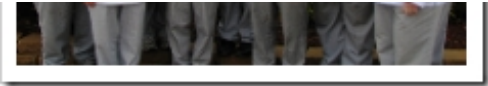
SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students enrolled in technical, skilled, and service occupations.

For information about applying to Ozarka College's Culinary Arts program, contact Ozarka College **Admissions** at 870-368-7371, or visit them online at **www.ozarka.edu**.

Pictured Left to Right: Joey Stender, Mimi Newsome, Danielle Vickers, Ginny Tebbetts, Keisha Strader,



Zona Buchanan, Kim Brown, Daren McCown, and
Linda Taylor.



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