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## CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN COOK OFF

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*(Trenton)* The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) looks forward to once again hosting the State's only county-vocational technical school cook-off challenge at 12:30 p.m. on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Caesar's in Atlantic City.

“Last year's inaugural cook-off challenge was a tremendous success as culinary arts students from across the State enjoyed the unique opportunity to showcase their incredible talents by competing at NJAC's annual celebration of county government,” said NJAC President and Hudson County Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin.

Culinary arts students from county vocational-technical schools in Atlantic, Bergen, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, and Warren counties have been selected to compete for titles in taste, creativity, and food presentation. Each team will consist of 5-6 students and 2 staff members, and must produce 400 samples of appetizers at a total cost of less than \$500.00. NJAC officials, Atlantic City chefs, and convention attendees will have the difficult task of judging the stiff competition. The cook-off challenge will close NJAC's annual conference where attendees may also earn valuable continuing education credits, listen to legislative leaders discuss pressing issues facing our great State, and share innovative resources and ideas.

“We expect to host an outstanding event this year with nearly two dozen educational workshops, an insightful legislative leadership panel discussion, and unique networking venues to meet with community and business leaders. However, I'm most excited about the opportunity to sample each of the terrific dishes prepared by this talented group of young students.” commented Dublin.

NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the level of service provided and save valuable taxpayer dollars. Please visit our website at [www.njac.org](http://www.njac.org) for additional details.