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HOT FOOD TEAM WINS SILVER AT REGIONAL COMPETITION

As we go to press, we have learned that Sullivan College's Hot Food Team, representing the state of Kentucky at the American Culinary Federation Southeast Region Student Culinary Competition held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on January 30-31, brought home silver medals for their hard work. The competition featured teams from eight states and the Bahamas.

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Hot Food competitors, each a member of Sullivan College's prestigious Culinary Salon Competition Team, are: Jenn Henderson, Louisville, Kentucky; Jennifer Ealing, Hanover, Pennsylvania; Neal Morris, Ashland, Kentucky; Robert King, Jeffersonville, Indiana; and Martin Mascher, Greenwood, Indiana.

The team was selected through a professionally organized competition at the College. Students were tested in the areas of knife skills, menu planning, and the execution of various cooking skills.

The team is coached by Chef Derek Spendlove, a Certified Executive Pastry Chef, Certified Culinary Educator, and a Chef- Instructor at the College. Chef Walter "Spud" Rhea, Certified Master Pastry Chef, Certified Executive Chef, Certified Culinary Educator, and Baking & Pastry Arts Department Chairperson at Sullivan College, is the team manager.

Both of these chef-instructors are American Culinary Federation approved culinary judges, multiple gold medal winners at previous International Culinary Olympiads competitions who share their knowledge, experience, and professional standards with Sullivan students on a daily basis.