Sullivan students were stars at Mayor’s International Gala Sister Cities event

The National Center for Hospitality Studies recently participated in the 2nd Annual Mayor’s International Gala of Sister Cities. This event celebrates friendly relations and mutual understanding around the globe. Louisville’s nine sister cities include: Adapazari, Turkey, La Plata, Argentina, Montpellier, France, Jiujiang, China, Quito, Ecuador, Tamale, Ghana, Perm, Russia, Leeds, England and Mainz, Germany.

Sullivan students catered the event for approximately 400-500 guests. Participants learned and developed skills in small plate tasting, work planning, and customer service. The students celebrated the diversity of each country represented for a scholarship competition.

The 4th place winners, Kristen Bucayu and Gabor Nagy, prepared Coquilles St. Jacques, representing Montpellier. Both won a $100 cash prize, created a Flank Steak Chimichurri, representing La Plata. They won a $200 cash prize each.

The 3rd place winners were Kandria Wynn and Miranda Densford, who created a Flank Steak Chimichurri, representing La Plata. They won a $200 cash prize each.

The 2nd place winners, Jamison Nethery and Sydney Ulrich, prepared a smoked duck entrée, representing Leeds, and won a $300 cash prize each. The winning team, Joshua Robinson and Don Matutina, prepared a Middle Eastern Gozleme, representing Adapazari, and both won a $1,000 scholarship.

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All of the students did an amazing job representing the various sister cities and Sullivan University. Congratulations to all the winners!

Louisville’s Mayor Greg Fischer was delighted to have his photo taken with Patrick Thomas and Kandi Wynn.

Rosalind Segoviano

Maggie Schifferly

Students helped out everywhere. Brittany Johnson helped keep the areas clean.

Below, left to right, Kristen Bucayu, Gabor Nagy, Chef Instructor Allen Akmon, Randy Densford and Kandi Wynn

Jamison Nethery, left, and Sydney Ulrich know that anyone who has heard Chef David Dodd, Director of Administration & Business Development speak, understands why he was partial to the Leeds, England table!

Erica Rigby, left, and Taylor Getly helped replenish the tables. Behind them, video about Sullivan’s culinary program and students played throughout the evening.

Below, left to right, Jessie Baird and Shelby Haycock. Back, Derren Blackburn, and John Duncan.

Some stayed busy behind the scenes.

Don Matutina and Joshua Robinson each earned a $1,000 scholarship for their efforts.

Students were kept busy plating and serving their specialties and had fun doing it!

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Jacob Oversen

A few guests wore clothes from their homeland.

Early or late, Sullivan students kept their smiles.

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I volunteered at the Mayor’s Gala because I wanted to help the international students since they have worked so hard to make their food. The experience I had was amazing! I saw all the different cuisines the students made and I also spoke with some of the guests. ... JESSIE BAIRD, first quarter student

Chef Allen Akmon, Culinary Arts Chair

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