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LA TRADE-TECH COLLEGE HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL LA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CULINARY COMPETITION ON MAY 12, 2023

Annual Event will Feature Special Guest Judge, Chef Jet Tila and Includes Cooking and Baking Demonstrations and an Awards Ceremony Luncheon



(Los Angeles, March 29, 2023)—Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) is pleased to host the Los Angeles Community College District's third annual Culinary Cup on Friday, May 12, 2023, from 8:30 am–1 pm. The full-day event presents an exciting culinary competition featuring chef instructors and culinary students from the Los Angeles Community College District's three colleges with culinary programs: LATTC, Los Angeles Harbor College, and Los Angeles Mission College. The competition will culminate with the awarding of the Golden Chef's Hat trophy.

This year's competition will take inspiration from the flavors of Southeast Asia. Culinary teams will be asked to use six traditional Southeast Asian ingredients to prepare classic Southeast Asian-inspired dishes. To judge the performance of the contestants, LATTC will bring in professionals from throughout the culinary industry to score the college teams in three distinct categories: Savory, Plated Dessert, and Tablescape. This year, LATTC is pleased to welcome chef, entrepreneur, and Food Network star, Jet Tila as a special guest judge. Born in Los Angeles to Thai Chinese parents, Chef Tila received the title of inaugural Culinary Ambassador of Thai Cuisine by the Royal Thai Consul-General and infuses innovation and artistry to traditional Thai food, leading to his own unique signature style.

In addition to the day's competition, guests will enjoy guided tours of LATTC's Culinary Arts Building, cooking and baking demonstrations, a special Southeast Asian lunch prepared by Culinary Arts students, and a seat at the awards ceremony.

"The Culinary Cup is one of those 'can't miss' events at LACCD," said Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez, Ph.D. "When you combine the amazing talent of our three culinary schools, with state-of-the-art facilities, and sprinkle in great food and a vibrant atmosphere, magic happens."

"Trade-Tech is excited to be the host of this year's Culinary Cup competition and gladly welcomes the day's guests, including Chef Jet Tila," said LATTC President, Kathleen Burke, EdD. "Our new Culinary Arts Building opened in 2021, amidst the pandemic. Over the past two

years, the building has been home to our Culinary Arts pathway, hosting countless hours of culinary instruction for our many talented students. We are proud to showcase this stunning facility to our colleagues and campus community—many who will be experiencing it for the very first time.”

“Today we see aspiring Chefs put their skills to the test and represent their College Campus. There's no better way to spend the day than to be cheering our Chefs to the Cup!” said Harbor College President Luis Dorado, Ed.D.

“As reigning champions, Los Angeles Mission College looks forward to defending the Culinary Cup title at this year's event! This is a significant opportunity to showcase the talents and skillsets of our amazing students from all three colleges and an excellent way for faculty, staff, and the public to support our respective Culinary programs and students,” said LA Mission College President Armida Ornelas, PhD.

Ticketing information

General Admission tickets may be purchased for \$25.

Visit lattc.edu/academics/pathways/ca/culinary-cup

The annual Culinary Cup competition raises funds for scholarships and resources for LACCD's culinary arts students. If you are interested in sponsoring or partnering with this event, please email culinary@lattc.edu.

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Friday, May 12, 2023 from 8:30 am–1 pm

Culinary Arts Building (D3) at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

400 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015

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About LATTC

Located just south of downtown Los Angeles, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) is one of nine public community colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Established in 1925, the college offers more than 80 career-technical programs that move students into careers in two years or less. In addition to an unmatched selection of quality career programs, LATTC prepares students for transfer, with 18 CSU transfer degrees, and transfer guarantee programs with the University of California and local private and independent colleges and universities.

Location: 400 West Washington Blvd, Los Angeles 90015

Culinary Arts at LATTC

The Culinary Arts Pathway at LATTC offers programs of study in Culinary Arts, Professional Baking, and Restaurant Management. Students gain the competencies needed to build credentials for lifelong career success as they prepare to enter the Food Service Industry. LATTC is home to the oldest continually operating culinary school in the nation. Programs host external accreditation from the American Culinary Federation Educational Foundation Accrediting Commission (ACFEFAC). Graduates with an AA degree may apply for the first level of industry certification with the ACF.