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**TO: DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS OF ALL GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, HEADS OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AUTHORITIES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TECHNICAL CADET CORPS, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS (UB), PRESIDENT OF THE BAHAMAS EDUCATORS MANAGERIAL UNION (BEMU), PRESIDENT OF THE BAHAMAS UNION OF TEACHERS (BUT), PRESIDENT OF THE BAHAMAS EDUCATORS COUNSELORS AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (BECAWU), BAHAMAS INFORMATION SERVICES AND HEADQUARTERS STAFF (for information)**

**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BAHAMAS YOUNG CHEF CULINARY COMPETITIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

The Department of Education, in conjunction with **Asa H. Prichard Ltd.** distributors for **Mahatma Rice and Robin Hood Flour**, is pleased to announce the 31<sup>st</sup> annual **National Young Chef Culinary Competitions for High Schools**.

2. The competition is open to students of public and independent schools enrolled in Family and Consumer Science Education programmes (i.e. Food and Nutrition / Hospitality and Tourism Studies).

3. **This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Jubilee: Bahamian Cuisine....Our Flavour Profile, Our Food Culture, Our Identity."**

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual culinary competitions will be held in three phases as listed below:

**Phase I: School Based Selection of Culinary Competitor**  
**Date:** September, 2023  
**Venue:** Individual Schools

4. Each participating high school should form an interview committee comprised of a Family and Consumer Science Teacher and the respective Administrative Supervisor. The committee will interview capable students who have been nominated by their Food and Nutrition or Hospitality and Tourism Studies Teacher(s) and select the student who will represent his/her school in Phase 2 the competition. **The name of the competitor, should be submitted to the Family and Consumer Science Education Officer no later than Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 using the digital link supplied to all principals.**

**Phase II: Family Island Districts and New Providence District Culinary Competitions**

**A. New Providence District Finals:**

**Junior Division:** Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 A. M.

**Venue:** A. F. Adderley Junior High School

**Participants:** Selected Representative from each participating Junior High School

**Senior Division:** Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 A. M.

**Venue:** Anatol Rodgers High School

**Participants:** Selected Representatives from each participating Senior High School Food and Nutrition and/or Hospitality and Tourism Studies programmes

**B. Family Island and/or District Competitions**

**Both the Junior and Senior Division Semi-finals should be held during the period October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, with the results submitted to the Family and Consumer Science Education Officer via email no later than Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023.**

The District Superintendents, Principals, and Family and Consumer Science Education (FCSE) teachers of both Government and Independent schools should organize District Competitions in conjunction with the Family and Consumer Science Education Unit to select the student who will represent each island in The National Competitions. Districts and Schools are also encouraged to provide incentives for participating students.

The Caribbean division of the **U.S. Meat Export Federation** will conduct a series of training workshops for all participating high schools prior to each island/district culinary competitions.

The name and profile of ALL participating students should be submitted to Education Officer Raquel Turnquest, Department of Education and copied to Ms. Krizia Williams, Picturesque Multimedia, via email, no later than **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. Certificates will be awarded.

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**5.** In addition to the **Junior and Senior High School National Young Chef Culinary Competitions**, a series of extended promotional activities have been planned for the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as follows:

**Phase III: 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Bahamas Young Chef Culinary Competitions and Conference**

**A. Culinary Conference 2023**

Live Streamed from the University of The Bahamas

(i) Day 1 --November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 presented by **Bahamar**

(ii) Day 2 --November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 presented by **U.S. Meat Export Federation**, including a **Signature Dish Competition** open only to Phase 2 winners attending the Culinary Conference

**B. National Round of Culinary Competitions -- Junior and Senior Divisions:**

**Junior Division:** Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 A. M.

**Venue:** A. F. Adderley Junior High School



**Senior Division:** Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 A. M.

**Venue:** Anatol Rodgers High School

**C. Awards Presentation Ceremony**

**Time:** 10:00 A. M.

**Venue:** The Government High School

**Date:** Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Participants:** NB. All competition food products used in the national round should reflect this year's theme: **"Celebrating Our Jubilee: Bahamian Cuisine....Our Flavour Profile, Our Food Culture, Our Identity."** Specific focus will be placed on the indigenous or native foods of each island being represented during these national competitions. Additionally, while tokens will be given to each first place winner, the **floating trophies will be presented to the winners for display on their school campus until 2024. These trophies should be returned to Family and Consumer Science Education Officer, Department of Education prior to next year's Culinary Conference.**

All Family and Consumer Science / Hospitality and Tourism Studies classes are asked to participate **virtually** in the two-day Culinary Conference. **District Superintendents and/or Principals are asked to assist the Phase II: Family Island Districts and New Providence Island semi-final winners with expenses for the final round of competition.**

6. The Awards are as follows:

**Senior High School National Young Chef Division:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>\$1,750 Scholarship and Gold Medal</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>\$1,000 Scholarship and Silver Medal</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>\$550 Scholarship and Bronze Medal</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>	<b>\$350 Scholarship and Ribbon</b>

**Junior High School National Young Chef Division:**

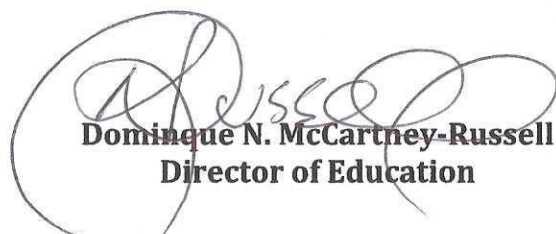
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>\$650 and Gold Medal</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>\$450 and Silver Medal</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>\$300 and Bronze medal</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Price</b>	<b>\$150 and Ribbon</b>

Monetary Scholarship awards will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place winners in the National Young Chef Junior and Senior High School Division Competitions.

In addition, medals will be awarded for the **best flour and rice dishes in each division.**

7. All student profiles inclusive of the **career objective** for each contestant should be submitted to the Family and Consumer Science Education Officer using the digital link supplied to all principals, during Phase 1 of this competition to ensure that final round participants are included in the commemorative booklet **on or before Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.**

8. Grateful if this circular is brought to the attention of the relevant teachers and students at your institution.

  
**Dominique N. McCartney-Russell**  
**Director of Education**