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Your Reference
Our Reference: EDU/A/3081

Date: September 13th, 2023

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: 31st Annual Young Chef Culinary Competitions

The Family and Consumer Science Education (FCSE) Unit of the Department of Education is coordinating the 30th Annual Bahamas Young Chef Culinary Competitions under the theme: **"Celebrating Our Jubilee: Bahamian Cuisine....Our Flavour Profile, Our Food Culture, Our Identity."**

An invitation is extended for a student(s) enrolled in the Family & Consumer Science Programme (i.e. Food & Nutrition and/or Hospitality & Tourism studies) at your school to participate in either the Junior and/or Senior High School Culinary Competitions. These competitions are organized in three phases. Phase 1 is school based. Phase 2 takes place on each island organized in collaboration with District Superintendents. The New Providence District Competitions will be held on October 18th and 19th, 2023 respectively. Phase 3 the national and final round of competition will be held during the month of November 2023 along with our 7th Annual Bahamas Young Chef Culinary Conference.

Attached please find the Department of Education Circular and documents relevant to the events. Please assist us by ensuring these documents are distributed to the Family and Consumer Science and/or Hospitality and Tourism Studies Subject Coordinators at your school. The digital application form for all culinary competition participants will be emailed to Principals and FCSE Teacher/Subject Coordinator in short order.

Additionally, a request is made for all Family and Consumer Science Education (i.e. Food & Nutrition and Hospitality & Tourism) students in both government and independent high schools to register for the **virtual** 7th Annual Bahamas Young Chef Culinary Conference scheduled for Monday, November 13th and Tuesday, November 14th, 2023 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. There are five (5) workshop/demonstrations scheduled for each day. Both students and teachers are encouraged to register, attend virtually, and interact with Chefs and Industry Professionals during this professional development opportunity which is provided at no charge. The registration link for the conference will be disseminated to schools in October 2023.

All schools with Family and Consumer Science Education Programmes are asked to support this initiative as we seek to inform, engage and educate the next generation of Culinarians. These events also serve as a capacity building exercise for all FCSE Teachers.

If you require further information regarding these events please contact the FCSE Unit at Tel.: 242-356-3540/1 or via WhatsApp: 242-556-4558.

Sincerely,

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