



HAPPY SPRING!

New Jersey Bakers Support NJSkills

As part of its commitment to developing the next generation of bakers, NJBBT coordinates and helps judge the NJSkills high school competitions in Commercial Baking and Wedding Cake Decorating. After two years of Covid interruption, this year's competition was hosted by Gloucester County Institute of Technology and saw 14 students compete in Commercial Baking. In this competition, students must make pate choux, pastry cream, muffins, bread, make up and bake puff pastry, and decorate a birthday cake. Students have 4 hours to complete the competition. The winners will be announced on April 10. The winner will go on to compete in the national SkillsUSA competition to be held in Atlanta in June. The NJBBT provides the winner with a stipend to pay for their travel expenses to the national competition. Our thanks to the judges: Louis Qualtieri, Donte Leone from JNA Institute of Culinary Arts; Bobby Gomez and Bernie Ritter of La Bon Bake Shoppes. For more information on NJSkills, click here

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Wedding Cake Competitors Wow the Judges!



The Judges had their work cut out for them in the Wedding Cake Decorating competition. In this competition, students compete in teams of 2. They have 4 hours to decorate a 3-tier wedding cake. They must bring everything they need to decorate the cake to the competition. As part of the competition, students must "deliver" the cake to the judging table. Our thanks to Wegmans Food Markets for judges Ron Abata, Dan Strickland and Kristin Strickland. See how you compare to the judges by voting for your favorite below.



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5

Which cake is do you like?

#1

#2

#3

#4

#5

Russia's invasion of Ukraine will likely ratchet American food prices even higher, experts say

According to the Washington Post, Russia's invasion of Ukraine could push U.S. food prices even higher, as the region is one of the world's largest producers of wheat and some vegetable oils. And the disruptions could drag on for months or even years, as crop production in the area could be halted and take a long time to restart.

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