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UB Chef Seth Williams Selected to Compete in Regional Culinary Challenge

Northeast region winner to compete at National Conference

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Seth Williams, a Campus Dining and Shops chef at the University at Buffalo, has been selected to compete in the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) Northeast Regional Culinary Challenge. The competition will take place during the NACUFS Northeast Conference being held at Rutgers University in New Jersey, March 19-22, 2014.

The Culinary Challenge recognizes outstanding food preparation and presentation skills in collegiate dining services. The winners of each of the association's regional culinary contests square off in July at the national conference in Baltimore, for gold, silver, and bronze medals before a live audience of college and university foodservice managers and industry suppliers. Competitors are required to incorporate the featured ingredient, live lobster.

Individual competitors will have 60 minutes to prepare four portions of an original hot entrée, featuring the mandatory ingredient of lobster, (two 2.5 pound live lobsters per competitor), side dishes and sauces to create a balanced plate. Chef Seth's application entry of Lobster & Grits was selected from fifteen regional applicants. His creation, a unique take on a classic southern creole dish of Shrimp & Grits, pairs succulent blackened lobster meat with wild boar bacon and braised kale - served over gruyere grits and topped with a truffle poached egg.

The NACUFS Culinary Challenge is sanctioned and judged by the American Culinary Federation (ACF), and is classified as a K-8 Live Lobster Practical and Contemporary Hot-Food Cooking Competition. Campus Dining and Shops and UB will be the host school for the 2016 NACUFS Northeast Regional Conference.

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