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St. Joseph High School Wins Gold in Thrilling Culinary Competition

The culinary team from Edmonton's **St. Joseph High School** served up it's best and took gold at the High School Culinary Challenge Awards Dinner, Monday, March 4th. Silver was awarded to **M.E. LaZerte High School** and bronze went to **Queen Elizabeth High School**. St. Joseph beat out 17 other schools, and topped it's record of silver last year. The student teams competed by cooking a three-course gourmet meal on February 9th, inside the NAIT's kitchens and were judged on preparation, timing, sanitation, presentation and of course taste!

"The level of talent these teams bring to the kitchen continues to impress us year after year," says High School Culinary Challenge Co-Chair Paul Shufelt. "It's so exciting to see a new generation of young chefs test their skills and achieve such great levels of accomplishment."

This was the 12th year for the event and featured 54 students. All participants of the High School Culinary Challenge were eligible to apply for one of four culinary scholarships upon completion of the challenge. At the dinner this evening, four scholarships were awarded to attend NAIT's culinary apprenticeship program, where students benefit from learning on the job with some of Edmonton's top chefs. The annual High School Culinary Challenge has awarded a total of 32 scholarships to date.

"This is an important first step for these talented students as they enter into Edmonton's exceptional culinary community," says High School Culinary Challenge Co-Chair Chef Paul Campbell. "Many of our scholarships recipients go on to lead impressive careers in the industry. It's a true testament to the strength of the challenge program."

The High School Culinary Challenge is presented by the Edmonton Canadian Culinary Federation, and helps to develop new and innovative young chefs in the region. The competition wouldn't be possible without generous support from our sponsors, Sysco, Alberta Pork, Gordon Food Service and Alberta Chicken Producers.

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