

SKILLS CENTER

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Skills Center Duo Wins Chef Challenge

A Clark County Skills Center instructor and one of his students teamed up to capture the Sysco Supreme Chef Challenge at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Chef Andrew McColley, an instructor in the Skills Center's Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts program, was assisted by student Sous Chef Kaleena Bliss: a Heritage High School senior.

Together, they competed against an Executive Chef and Sous Chef from the Abernethy Center and accumulated enough points to finish first among the six teams of Executive Chefs/Sous Chefs. Other competitors included Haydens' Lakefront Grill, Resort at the Mountain, Roseburg Country Club, Bluefish Bistro, Le Bouchon and Arthur's.

The event, part of the Sysco Annual Food Show, gave contestants thirty minutes to prepare an entrée made after a mystery ingredient was unveiled. The mystery ingredient for the winning McColley-Bliss team was a tenderloin muscle from the shoulder of beef. They received a \$500 prize for their efforts.

For more information, call Chef McColley or Dennis Kampe at (360) 604-1050. Opened in 1983, the Clark County Skills Center is located at 12200 NE 28th Street in Vancouver. It is owned and operated by nine southwest Washington school districts providing technical and professional training programs to prepare Clark County high school and college students for the workforce.

Attached: photo of Kaleena Bliss (L) and Andrew McColley (R)