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WTC Culinary Arts Students Whip Up the Awards at FCCLA Competition

Students from the Wilson Talent Center's Culinary Arts & Hospitality program won numerous awards at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) state competition held in Midland, Michigan, March 16-18, 2022. Winners from the state competition advance to national competition, which will be held June 29- July 3, 2022 in San Diego, California.

FCCLA is a national Career & Technical Education Student Organization (CTSO) for students in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education in public and private schools through grade 12. Today, more than 155,000 members from 4,253 chapters are active in a network of associations in 47 states, including Puerto Rico. Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life – planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication – necessary in the home and workplace.

Students winning at the state competition include:

Cupcake Battle, Gold Winners – Todd Williams (Stockbridge), Shawn Hotelling (Fowlerville), Emaleigh Keast (Mason), Lirin Bolcavage (Stockbridge), Ebin Gustafson (Stockbridge), Annalia Testa (Life Tech Academy) and Liberty Burak (Okemos)

Cupcake Battle, Silver Winners – Maya Marsh (Okemos), Amelia Wilson (Mason), Myah Muscott (Dansville) and Marisa Nottingham (Dansville)

Culinary Arts, Gold Team Winners – Jean Robinson (Lansing Christian), Lilly Meka (Haslett) & Josephine Jorgensen (Mason).

Culinary Arts, Silver Team Winners – Mia Gonzales (Holt) and Trystin Burton (Stockbridge).

Gold winners automatically advance to national competition. The Cupcake Battle is a state-only event, so those students will compete at nationals in other events including Baking & Pastry, Food Innovations and Sports Nutrition.



“Our students work incredibly hard preparing for competitions such as FCCLA,” notes Chef Baylee Pfiester, Culinary Arts instructor at WTC. “It’s so rewarding to see their hard work and dedication to their craft recognized in competitions against their peers,” Pfiester also noted.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers career and technical education programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit [Wilson Talent Center](http://www.inghamisd.org/wtc) (www.inghamisd.org/wtc).

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