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Culinary Arts Instructor Wins Applebee's Teacher of the Year Award

On Tuesday, May 21, Wilson Talent Center Culinary Arts Instructor, Chef Corbett Day, was honored with Applebee's Teacher of the Year award. Representatives from Applebee's and TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants were on hand to surprise Chef Day with the award.

Applebee's created the inaugural "Applebee's Teacher of the Year" award in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week back in 2017. In early May, they ran a campaign statewide within the school districts where its 65 Applebee's restaurants are located across the state of Michigan and asked community members to nominate teachers who they feel have continually served as great role models and encouraged a positive learning environment. Hundreds of nominations were received before the final five winners were selected. Chef Day was awarded with a commemorative award and certificate, a \$500 Visa Gift Card, a \$50 Applebee's Gift Card and a VIP Teacher Appreciation Card good for 20% off his food at Applebee's for a full year.

Chef Day became the Culinary Arts & Hospitality Instructor at the Wilson Talent Center (WTC) in August of 2012. Under his leadership, the program has grown significantly. It is the only high school culinary arts program in the state to offer the entrepreneurial experience of running a food truck and offers full catering services as well. Prior to joining the WTC, Day was an instructor at the Lenawee Intermediate School District Tech Center.

"We are thrilled to see Applebee's recognize one of our hard-working instructors," states Joe Wenzel, principal at WTC. "For Chef Day to be nominated by three students speaks volumes to the impact he has on his students and their experiences in his class," Wenzel 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



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