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## SCCC culinary program hosts 'Chopped' competition

Suffolk County Community College's culinary program held their "Chopped"-like competition, entitled Battle for the Beach in honor of the grand prize — a seven-night stay at the Shera ton Clearwater Beach Resort in Clearwater, Fla., and an opportunity to work under the supervision of the resort's executive chef.

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Student contestants were presented with a mystery basket of ingredients — a whole chicken and butternut squash — that they had to turn into a mouthwatering dish. The competition is similar to the popular reality television show "Chopped" airing on the Food Network.

The judges, five of SCCC's fac-

ulty chefs and Suffolk County Community College President Shaun McKay, evaluated each student's creation on creativity, presentation and taste.

SCCC's "Top Chef," Leonardo Figueredo prepared a delectable baked airline chicken breast with natural au jus and butternut squash risotto seasoned with cream and fresh thyme. Second place went to a roasted breast of chicken paired with roasted cauliflower, garlic mashed potatoes and butternut squash prepared by Victoria Shannon. Candice Weiss placed third with baked chicken, roasted maple-glazed butternut squash and asparagus spears.



Photo from Suffolk County Community College Leonardo Figueredo won SCCC's 'Chopped'-like culinary competition.

