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PCTI Scores High Marks at NJAC Cook-Off Challenge

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Six of Passaic County Technical Institute's (PCTI) best and brightest Culinary Arts students recently participated in the New Jersey Association of Counties Cook-Off Challenge. PCTI competed against ten other technical schools. All were judged on taste, presentation, and table display. In the end, PCTI's hard working team tied for 1st in the Presentation category and won the bronze overall.

When it came to getting the display portion down, PCTI enlisted the help of the school's Carpentry and Graphic Design programs to creatively render the school's *Farm Meets the Fisherman* theme. The result was a visual delight that seamlessly represented a pier that transitioned to a fenced agricultural plain. In addition, PCTI elaborated on the two major sources of agricultural economy in New Jersey by sourcing their ingredients completely from the farms students visited. Their winning menu included crab rice balls with poached quail eggs over a bed of grits, accented by smoky hollandaise sauce.



PCTI students work tirelessly to organize their booth at the NJ Association of Counties Cook-Off Challenge.



Gianna Aquino (Passaic), Hellem Jaquez (Paterson), Joanna Parson (Paterson), Julie Velasquez (Paterson), Jeyaunita Whitaker (Paterson), and Sheila Yachachin (Paterson) accept their awards at the NJAC Cook-Off Challenge.