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MCC culinary team takes home national championship

OMAHA, Neb. — Culinary Team Nebraska, a team comprised of students from MCC's Institute for the Culinary Arts, are national champions after winning the 2015 American Culinary Federation's Student Team National Championship yesterday at the ACF National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Culinary Team Nebraska defeated other regional finalists Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Boston, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville, North Carolina; and Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, California. The culinary team consisted of:

1st course (fish) – Sarah Farmer; *commis* Steven Teters

2nd course (salad) – Miseon Lee; *commis* Terrell Brown

3rd course (principal-pork) – Patrick Ratigan; *commis* Brandi Springer

4th course (dessert) – Kyle Ray; *commis* Becca Lopez

Alternates – Daisy Fuentes; *commis* Marcela Becerril Salas and George Millan Fernandez

Student Team Manager – Cathy Curtis

The team was led by head coach and faculty advisor, Brian O'Malley, and co-coach Oystein Solberg.

The ACF convention also featured educational sessions and cooking demonstrations on the latest culinary techniques, networking opportunities, a trade show and an international competition featuring ACF Culinary Team USA.

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postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.