

Bend High School students win culinary championship

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Restaurant Management Program Has Won State Title Four Years In A Row, National Twice.

High school culinary programs around the country be forewarned. Bend High School's Restaurant Management Team has defended its state championship for the fourth year in a row and is ready for national competition. They beat 35 Oregon high school culinary programs on Saturday at the Oregon Culinary Competition and will travel to the National High School Culinary Competition National ProStart Student Invitational in San Diego on April 24-26.

The first part of the competition involves case study problem solving. Then the team members each take a 100-question test worth 400 points, which is totaled up for a team score. The top eight team finalists from the test portion participate in a live Jeopardy-style quiz in front of an audience.

Restaurant Management students are Katelynn Cockrum, sophomore; Casey Anderson, junior; Jackie Baird, junior; and returning senior Jordan Good, who was on the state champion team last year.

"We're very proud of both teams this year," said advisor Louise Markland. "Bend is setting high standards for other schools. We are the team to beat."

The Culinary team also did well with a second place finish, winning highest awards for appetizer, teamwork,

Pacific Northwest menu, and presentation. During this competition, students have one hour to cook a three-course gourmet dinner for two on two tables with two butane burners.

Culinary students are Amanda Fleischer, senior; Evan Sigvaldsen, senior; Kristine Bumbar, senior; and Allegra Keith, junior.

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