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## West Slope high school culinary students to compete at WCCC

Grand Junction, CO – Five teams of culinary arts students from three western Colorado high schools will gather at Chez Lena restaurant at Western Colorado Community College, 2508 Blichmann Ave., Building B, on Friday, February 19, for the WCCC ProStart West Slope Open culinary competition.

The schools competing are Durango High School (two teams), Palisade High School (two teams), and Grand Junction High School from Granby (one teams). There are four culinary arts students on each team. Students from Grand Junction High school will be there to observe but not compete.

Working in the kitchen-labs at WCCC, each team will have one hour to prepare a three-course meal.

The event begins at 8:00 am and runs until 2:00 pm. The cooking contest runs from 9:00 am to noon.

“It really gets intense in the kitchen when these students are racing the clock as well as competing against each other,” said Dan Kirby, who heads the post-secondary culinary arts program at WCCC.

“It’s also a great opportunity for these high school students interested in culinary arts to learn a little about what our college program has to offer,” he said.

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**Note: The best time for photos and video is from 9:30 am to 11:00 am when there is a lot of action in the kitchen.**

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