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Student chefs ‘Whipping Up Wellness’

Cooking contest is Thursday at UW-Madison’s Babcock Hall

The top five finalists from the third annual Whipping Up Wellness Wisconsin Student Chef Competition will prepare their winning recipes at a cooking competition at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Thursday, sponsored by Wisconsin Team Nutrition and Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

Students begin cooking at 9:30 a.m. in the Babcock Hall cooking lab on the UW-Madison campus. The teams will present their original dish to a panel of judges, including Justin Johnson, executive chef and owner of Sustainable Kitchens. The judges will evaluate the students as they introduce team members; describe the dish and its creation; and share student taste test results. Judges also will consider taste, including the use of flavors, variety of textures, and serving temperature; appearance and presentation, including color and plate appeal; and originality, including creativity and student appeal. Results of the judging will be presented at noon.

Recipes from the five finalists for the cooking competition were among 150 original recipes submitted as part of the Whipping Up Wellness contest. Each team was made up of three to five students in grades six through 12. All recipes were to meet specific nutrient specifications and could be incorporated into the school food service program or used at home. Qualifying entries will become part of the third annual student chef cookbook, published by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Finalists for the Whipping Up Wellness Wisconsin Student Chef Competition are from the

- **Appleton Area School District** — James Madison Middle School — Busy as a Bee: Supervising Teacher: Heather Stinson;
- **Plymouth School District** — Plymouth High School — Mighty Plymouth Panthers: Supervising Teacher: Gale Litt;
- **Verona Area School District** — Badger Ridge Middle School — ALM: Supervising Teacher: Diana Lehnherr;
- **Viroqua Area School District** — Viroqua & Laurel High School — The Driftless Culiners: Supervising Teacher: Robin Hosemann; and
- **Wisconsin Rapids School District** — Lincoln High School — Healthy WR Pro Cooks: Supervising Teacher: Lynn Borski.

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WHAT: 2015 Whipping Up Wellness Wisconsin Student Chef Competition

WHEN: 9 a.m. to Noon, Thursday, May 14, 2015

WHERE: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Babcock Hall, Room B 141, 1605 Linden Drive, Madison

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