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Culinary students pushing program to new limits

The culinary students at Eastpointe High School have been hard at work advancing their program after the tragic loss of their teacher Phillipa Lobaido. With the assistance of their new teacher Nicolaas Silwanowicz the students are hard at work to honor their former teacher by building an award-winning program.

In addition to special activities, catering events and school fund-raising the Lobaido Café (formerly the Shamrock Café) has reopened after a year of renovations.

The café continues to be successful as they learn and execute skills in a full service restaurant. Students learn how marketing and sustainability are an important part of the growing food industry.

Second and third year students put forth their prior knowledge of soft skills and kitchen skills that enables them a jump start in the world of work and the business sectors that are available both inside and outside the kitchen area.

Students gain extensive and valuable experiences that start them in the direction of restaurant management and many other areas within the industry.

This program allows them a taste of success as they move forward in the classes offered.

In addition to the café work, the Culinary II class has begun competition prep for what will hopefully be another successful season. Last year the Culinary II students competed in a county wide baking competition and placed second out of six schools.

This is the program's first competition in more than five years. "Events like this teach students competition skills and helps to motivate them to work in a group setting," says Silwanowicz. "It displays a great educational benefit as it builds character and self-esteem. Their commitment to the event is evident by the success of the experience while having bragging rights."

The students also catered the event for the College Fair representatives held in October. "I was very proud of their commitment and professionalism as they represented Eastpointe High School", states Mr. Silwanowicz. Students also catered the high school's curriculum night along with several athletic banquets from the previous year.

We are looking forward to upcoming events such as: holiday fund-raising for community events, catering several upcoming activities in



Eastpointe High School's culinary students.

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our school, and pushing new limits in our Lobaido Café.

In addition to the events listed above there are also programs in de-

velopment across a multitude of classes. A new class offering being developed for future school years includes a cooking show class, which blends

TV Production and Culinary Arts. Students will develop recipes and record their own Food Network style-cooking segment.

"At Eastpointe High School our culinary students are very dedicated to the success of The Lobaido Café. They are committed to the tasks and

purpose of the program, always exhibiting enthusiasm that makes it possible to lead and instruct them in the right direction, says Silwanowicz."

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