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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS, FROM THE INSIDE OUT

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Culinary scholarships go to California students

Is there a college student who would not benefit from knowing how to make hunter's chicken or crepes with pastry cream and chocolate sauce? Talk about a break from cafeteria food!

But for the students who made these dishes -- from memory in two hours -- at a recent competition, it was bank accounts, not bellies, that reaped the benefit.

Twenty-eight aspiring chefs from L.A. public schools were awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships to culinary schools by **C-CAP** founder and President Richard Grausman on Monday at a ceremony at the Four Seasons Hotel. C-CAP stands for Careers through Culinary Arts Program.



Given the circumstances, you might guess the students and judges didn't just call the dishes hunter's chicken and crepes.

Students prepared *poulet chasseur avec pommes de terre chateau* and *crepes surees with crème patissiere* and *sauce au chocolat*.

The judges included some accomplished chefs: **Neal Fraser** from Grace and BLD; **Douglas Dodd**, Hotel Bel-Air; **Aaron**

Robins, Boneyard Bistro; and C-CAP graduates **Raymond Alvarez** of the Border Grill; and **Rigo Salas** and **Bobby Valdovinos**, Four Seasons Hotel.

The teens were considered for a range of scholarships, valued at \$500 to \$80,000. Here's a list of the students who won:

Banning High School

Alexis Porfirio Navarrete

El Camino High School

Jazzmin Hart

Garfield High School

Oscar Antonio Torres

Glendale High School

Kristoffer Santiago
Evan Wheeler

Granada Hills High School

Jose Fregoso

Grant High School

Justo Diaz-Becerra

Kimberly Tracy Mota

Hollywood High School

Rodolfo Garrido

Jacklyn Michelle Marquez

Hoover High School

Gabriela Gonzalez
Anais Vartanian

LACES

Marquise Jamal Washington

Marshall High School

Christina Tarankow

Monroe High School

Manuel de Jesus Hernandez

Alejandro Ernesto Hernandez

Narbonne High School

Anthony Santiago

Polytechnic High School

Jacqueline Rosales

Roosevelt High School

Lizzet Ruby Alvidrez

San Fernando High School

Marissa Marie Hernandez

Ricardo Rojas

Sylmar High School

Jose Gonzalez

Brianna Desiree Lepe

Lorenzo Antonio Munoz

Van Nuys High School

Armando Castillo

Vasquez High School

Joshua Lee Croughwell

Amanda Kay Foster

Heather Rose Tye

C-CAP works with public schools across the nation to prepare underserved high school students for college and career opportunities in the restaurant and hospitality industry. Since 1990, C-CAP has awarded students \$22.2 million in scholarships and donated \$2.2 million worth of supplies and equipment to classrooms.

— *Mary MacVean*