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CSN to Celebrate Successful Culinary Job Training Program

Salvation Army clients learn marketable cooking skills from the college's award-winning Culinary Program

October 25, 2018 – Every semester for the last 21 years, chefs from the College of Southern Nevada's nationally renowned culinary program have trained a handful of local Salvation Army clients in the art of cooking and preparing food, getting them ready for jobs in Las Vegas' fast-paced restaurant environment.

On Wednesday, the latest group of students who have completed the program will celebrate their accomplishment at a graduation ceremony, to be held at Russell's Restaurant on CSN's North Las Vegas Campus. Members of the local media are invited.

"We like to give back to our community," said Chef John Metcalfe, who helped found the small program in 1997. "Once the students have completed the program, most of them are able to get jobs using the skills they've learned here."

Fifteen students go through the program each semester. Learning real-world jobs skills can help them move past the hardships that led many of them to endure difficult times.

Several are expected to share their heartwarming stories at the graduation ceremony.

What: Ceremony for students studying culinary arts
When: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 31
Where: Russell's Restaurant on CSN's North Las Vegas Campus

About CSN: Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada is the state's largest and most ethnically diverse higher education institution. CSN is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and specializes in two-year degrees and workforce development that lead directly to high-demand careers or transfer to a university. It also offers seven bachelor's degrees in specialized fields and is the state's largest provider of adult basic education and literacy training. CSN is a Minority Serving Institution and Nevada's first Hispanic Serving Institution. Our students create flexible schedules with day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada or online. CSN is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution.