

*Sports Town USA... and the World!*



On Monday, March 2, 2009, Florida Culinary Institute held the first student culinary competition of 2009, **Sports Town USA... and the World!** All FCI students were encouraged to use their creativity and form teams to interpret the competition title in their own way. All student teams were required to select a theme, register and prepare at least two portions of one course to present to the competition judges between 10am and 6pm.

Participants included teams *Awesome*, *Rookies*, *Best of the Best*, *Brazil* and *MVPs*. The winning team, selected by FCI's instructor chef judges, was *Team Rookies*, who emerged victorious and claimed 1st Place and took the coveted Golden Chef Award! Their theme, "Running of the Bulls," included bull and bullfighter costumes, an exciting toro and torero routine and a fabulous menu complete with asparagus bouquet, Spanish sushi salad, oxtail stew, mojito sorbet, deconstructed paella and orange flan – wow!

Every participating team impressed the crowd with their spirited themes and delicious displays of culinary prowess! *Team Brazil* took the People's Choice Award and earned their 2nd place ranking with their four-course, Soccer-inspired feast, and *Team MVPs* came in 3rd with some fantastic Super Bowl hors d'oeuvres. Event spectators enjoyed the relaxed and sporty outdoor competition atmosphere, complete with a couch, TV, blaring music, great food for tasting and a game of soccer and catch.

Next quarter's Florida Culinary Institute Student Competition is ***A Day at the Beach*** and will be held on Monday, June 1. Check out the latest edition of the *What's Cooking?* newsletter for details!