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WCCC INMATES GRADUATE FROM KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTERMEDIATE COOKERY CLASS WITH A SPRING 2017 LUNCHEON

HONOLULU – Six (6) women from the Women’s Community Correctional Center (WCCC) received Kapiolani Community College (KCC) Culinary Arts Certificates on Thursday (May 11). The women held a special graduation luncheon for their families and staff at the WCCC, featuring some of the 5-star quality cuisine they have learned to create. (See the menu below).

The KCC culinary arts program at WCCC is a comprehensive program that aims to educate participants in professionalism, commitment and responsibility. The women worked their way up from a beginner class to the intermediate level class. They also earn 14 credits that will appear in their University of Hawaii transcripts.

Class representative Kim Clark says this program helped her build self-esteem and confidence.

“Culinary class has taught us more about life than just taste, presentation or the way things look. It has given us the self-esteem and confidence to excel in anything we put our minds too. Challenging ourselves in areas where we fallen short for our families,” said Clark. “The willingness to change and choose a new path in life is beyond measure for us now. I can honestly say, it’s been an honor working side by side with these ladies.”

Inmates learn real-life job skills and those who don’t complete the final, advanced stage of certification before they leave, can choose to continue their culinary training at KCC.

“WCCC administration is always trying to figure out what we need to do differently in order to create positive change in inmates,” said WCCC Warden Eric Tanaka. “This cost-effective training program is a stepping stone for the women who will eventually be released from prison. They now have skills to get a legitimate job, improve their options, and change the course of their lives”.

Pictures from the luncheon are attached. You can find the full photo album on our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/HawaiiPSD.

Graduation Luncheon Menu:

Shrimp Tempura California Rolls (by Mary)
Caprese Salad Picks (by Jean)
Veggie Portobello Sandwiches (by Sunny)
Kalua Pork Nachos on Taro Chips (by Kim)
Medianoche Slider on Mini Ciabatta (by Alison)
Lo Mai Gai (by Emerald)
Hokkaido Strawberry Cupcake (by Johnette)
Brownie Petite Fours
Lilikoi Chiffon Cups

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