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WOMEN'S PRISON CULINARY CLASS HOLD WINTER BANQUET CELEBRATION

HONOLULU — The culinary class made up of female inmates at the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) held their Winter Banquet Celebration today to feature some of the cuisine they have learned to create. The class is taught by Chef Lee Shinsato of Kapiolani Community College. This banquet was their midterm examination.

The dishes prepared today included Albuquerque Bean Soup and Rolled Zucchini Salad, Crostini's with a choice of creamy pesto, curried chicken, crab salad, spinach artichoke and/or tomato basil. Steamed ginger port won ton with sesame sundried tomato relish, pan seared chimichurri chicken breasts and roasted misoyaki swai. (Pictures are on our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/HawaiiPSD.)

This menu was created by the students in the beginner class. The women work their way through an intermediate level class and an advanced class. Once all three levels are completed they will graduate from the culinary program and receive a certificate from the Kapiolani Community College. They will also earn 14 credits that will appear in their University of Hawaii transcripts.

"This culinary program give the women real-life job skills, but it's not just about that. It also teaches them teamwork, professionalism and self-esteem," said WCCC Warden Eric Tanaka. "I am thankful to Chef Shinsato and the Kapiolani Community College for bringing this program to WCCC a few years ago, and helping prepare these women for a positive career path once they leave."

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Pictured: The women preparing their food stations.

(More pictures of the food are available on our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/HawaiiPSD)

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