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DCHS students to compete at culinary event

Seven students representing Daviess County High School will participate in the International Culinary and Hospitality Experience at Disney World in Florida on April 25-29.

As part of the “Cook Around the World” experience,” DCHS students will participate in cooking challenges under the oversight of celebrity chef Damaris Phillips – a native of Lexington – who hosted the Food Network show “Southern at Heart” and is a co-star of “The Bobby and Damaris Show” with chef Bobby Flay.

Jada Nickells, Kristen Calloway, Chelsie Corum, Haley Beyke, Jamie Clark, Kaitlyn Helton and Olivia Cleland will be part of a fast-paced and fun cooking challenge that is designed to give students insights into the importance of effective communication, teamwork and strategic planning as they compete as “culinary warriors” – Disney style!

Students will also learn about potential careers in the culinary and hospitality industry from cast members representing a variety of departments and areas at the Disney resort, and will participate in discussions conducted by members of the Disney resort management team and culinary professionals.

Students who are members of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, (FCCLA) as well as students who were enrolled in Foods and Nutrition are given the opportunity to participate in this career focused event.

Faculty sponsor Erica Selby, who serves as a Family Consumer Science teacher and FCCLA advisor at DCHS, said, “As a teacher, I am in the business of preparing students for life. This experience focuses on real-life skills; hard skills related to careers in Culinary Arts, as well as soft skills, which are a necessity in all career fields. The icing on the cake is that students get out of their comfort zone; maybe this is their first time out of Owensboro or on a plane, and in that there is growth.”

Note to media – Our media partners are invited to see our student culinary artists at work! Contact Erica Selby to schedule interviews and classroom observations at 270-852-7300 or Erica.selby@daviess.kyschools.us

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