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## **CCSD students show off cooking skills in "Diced!" competition**

*Rancho High School showcases culinary program for American Education Week*

**LAS VEGAS** - Students of Rancho High School's Culinary Arts program showcased their cooking talents during a timed culinary competition known as "Diced!" Students competed in four teams of three and put their skills to the test during this friendly competition, where they were challenged with incorporating several mystery items into their dishes.

Chefs from local restaurants served as guest judges for the competition, including Chef Barry S. Dakake of N9NE Steakhouse, Chef Leticia Mitchell of Leticia's Mexican Cocina, Chef Anthony Vidal of Hash House A-Go-Go, and Chef Paymon Raouf of Paymon's Mediterranean Café and the Las Vegas Spice Company.

Diced! was the last of several events taking place in the Clark County School District during American Education Week, a nationally celebrated movement to honor public education and those who make a difference every day in the lives of young people. The district has been celebrating the week, Nov. 17 - 21, by profiling unique education programs and highlighting the success of students.



Rancho High School Culinary Arts students inspect ingredients they plan on using for their dishes during Diced!



Culinary Arts students scramble to plate their dishes as time runs out.



Culinary Arts students have their dish critiqued by chefs (left to right) Paymon Raouf of Paymon's Mediterranean Café and the Las Vegas Spice Company, Anthony Vidal of Hash House A-Go-Go, Leticia Mitchell of Leticia's Mexican Cocina, and Barry S. Dakake of N9NE

Steakhouse.

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