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Kendall College School of Culinary Arts Wins American Culinary Federation National Knowledge Bowl
Student team takes home top honors— and third win in six years—at 2015 Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl in Orlando.

CHICAGO—Aug. 3, 2015— A team of five students enrolled in the Kendall College School of Culinary Arts’ associate and baccalaureate programs today beat three other teams to win the 2015 National Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl at the American Culinary Federation’s (ACF) National Convention & Show at the Orlando (Fla.) World Center Marriott.

Their success reclaims the title and is the third win for a Kendall College team in the last six years of this national competition. Earlier this year in Indianapolis, the Kendall team swept the annual regional competition for a sixth consecutive year to qualify for the national final.

The Kendall College team, consisting of Alex Gabrielson (captain; Pella, Iowa), Michael Lanzerotte (Bloomington, Ill.), Emily Mankus (Lincolnshire, Ill.), Nelia Salvi (Madison, Wis.) and Alex Szabo (Prescott, Ariz.), competed against student teams from professional foodservice-training programs at schools in Riverhead, N.Y., Savannah, Ga., and Kirkland, Wash., representing the ACF’s Northeast, Southeast and Western Regions, respectively. Culinary student Mike Kubiesa (Elmhurst, Ill.) served as a second alternate on Kendall’s team.

“It was our honor to represent Kendall College and the Central Region in the ACF’s Knowledge Bowl, and we are thrilled to bring the national title and gold medals home to Chicago,” says team coach Dina Altieri, CEC, CCE, CHE, dean of the School of Culinary Arts. “Competition has made each of us stronger, and we are grateful for the opportunity to participate.”

The annual Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl, sponsored by American Technical Publishers, tests the acumen of culinary-arts students via a “Jeopardy”-style subject grid that includes challenging culinary, baking, nutrition, safety, sanitation and math questions as well as sensory perception. First held at the ACF’s 1992 National Convention in Washington, D.C., today the four geographic regions of the ACF hold the competition at their respective conferences in winter and spring to qualify teams to compete for the national title at the ACF’s convention in summer.

Kendall College won the National Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl championships at the ACF’s conventions in Dallas, Texas, in 2011, and Anaheim, Calif., in 2010. According to Altieri, a new Kendall team will compete at the ACF’s 2016 conference for the Central and Western Regions in Hawaii next March to vie for a spot in next summer’s national competition.
About the Kendall College School of Culinary Arts:
Kendall College, founded in 1934 and located in Chicago, Ill. offers undergraduate degrees in business, culinary arts, early childhood education and hospitality management to a diverse and passionate community of more than 1,500 students. The curriculum combines strong academics with practical experience and international educational opportunities that help give students in business, hospitality and culinary arts programs the skills and expertise to be leaders in their professions. Kendall College was ranked the number one program in Chicago for preparing students for careers in hospitality management and culinary arts in a survey of hiring managers at Chicago’s leading hotels and Michelin Guide restaurants (TNS Global – 2013 Survey). The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission has accredited the Culinary Arts associate program since 1988 and the Baking and Pastry associate program since 2008. Kendall College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. For more information, visit Kendall.edu.

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Kendall College’s 2015 Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl team (l. to r.): Mike Kubiesa, Emily Mankus, Michael Lanzorotte, Chef Dina Altieri, Alex Szabo, Nelia Salvi and team captain Alex Gabrielson. (Note to media: A high-resolution image is available.)