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# **CULINARY ARTS RAISES EXPECTATIONS FOR 2021**

The Culinary Arts team has some exciting goals for 2021 that will help develop new projects and expand team learning. So far, we have added a busser position to our daily pre-shift meeting. This has allowed us to better serve the dinners and maintain sanitation especially when turning tables. We have also created an Academy hot sauce with an Arts team designed label that is available for purchase and for use during lunch.

We will be subscribing to a healthy food magazine. This will aide in menu planning, creativeness and keep us up to date with the latest healthy food trends. We will also be working on gathering the Academy's greatest favorite meals and begin on an Academy cookbook. This will take a combined Academy effort involving recipe development, testing, writing and photography, and graphic design.

A new and exiting goal we have set is to create a fine dining day. It will consist of a tasting menu in which the diners will receive a multiple course meal including some shall we say "fancier" edible goodies. This will give the culinary and front of house an exciting challenge as well as a fun event for the community to look forward to. Stand by for the release date for this event.



#### 20 DAY MENTAL never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily <u>routine.</u> Go to bed Journal 10 Take a Call De-clutter hour earlie hings you're walk your room than usual grateful for outdoors you love or desk Make the mos Make a list Slow down. Get rid of 5 social of short Sit & watch things you term goals the sunset never use abbatical can think of DAY DAY DAY DAY Enjoy Unsubscribe Send an Wake up 30 Plan a tea/ from ncouraging noothie dat Eat lunch unnecessary text to 5 earlier to with a friend emails outside people pray Don't Do one thing Go the entire Make time for Buy yourself overthink day without ractice being flowers complaining breakfast. putting off present

# WHO'S UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

We started the new year by asking ourselves that question. The challenge was to add something daily to our routine that was designed to improve our mental wellness, and ultimately, bring us greater success. 16 members and staff took on the 20 Day Mental Wellness Challenge and agreed that it was like a makeover for your mind!

## **JULES LEARNS ROBOTICS**

by Jules Meyers

Before I came here, I was going to Manatee Technical College (MTC). I was in the Advanced Manufacturing program. We learned how to control a robot in the classes. and I earned a robotics certificate. We also learned how to work plasma cutters, band saws and laser cutters. My favorite machine was the laser cutter and there was this really cool software called Photo Grave. I absolutely fell in love with it and would make all kinds of wolves and anime. I loved going to school because I would learn something new every day. When I came into class one morning our instructor told us about Covid-19 and that we couldn't come to MTC anymore. I was really sad because I was really enjoying things.

MTC had a competition and my mom wanted me to participate; I had to memorize a speech about what I learned in my class. I kept practicing and practicing in front of my teacher and my parents. I was supposed to be talking about how to measure with a micrometer but instead I choked in front of the judges. I thought I did so horribly. I went crying to my instructor because I had been practicing so

much. When the award ceremony came, I was a bit nervous

because my family came to watch. When they were announcing winners for the different categories, I heard my name called and was stunned. I ended up winning a gold medal for my category in the skills area.



Jules Meyers shows a couple of the beautiful works she made in her class at MTC.

# Wellness

by Rima Ghalieh

Our 20 Day Mental Wellness Challenge taught me a little bit about changing my behavior. Every day for 20 days we designated one task to add to our routine. I never felt overwhelmed because it was a fun and easy task most of the time. I kept positive and it helped change the way I felt in my mind.

I was challenged to make a list of short-term goals, made time for a wholesome breakfast and took time to walk outside. I even started having my coffee on the deck and realized how much I enjoy the beautiful sunshine. I felt so happy to call someone I love because I miss my mom. The hardest thing I was challenged to do in the 20 days was go a whole day without complaining. I really enjoyed the challenge and will continue to work on these things on my own.

All events take place on-site at the Academy and through the Zoom app.

Watch Slack for Meeting ID and Password.

#### Monday, February 1

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m. **Individual Team Meetings** Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia - 9:30 a.m. Culinary - 9:45 a.m. Individual Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m. Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia/Culinary

#### Tuesday, February 2

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Morning Meeting - 9 a.m. Individual Team Meetings Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia - 9:30 a.m. Culinary - 9:45 a.m. Academy Meeting - 1:30 p.m. Individual Team Meetings - 2 p.m. Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia/Culinary

#### Wednesday, February 3

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m. Individual Team Meetings Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia - 9:30 a.m. Culinary - 9:45 a.m. Newsroom Meeting - 11 a.m. Menu Planning Meeting - 11:45 a.m. Individual Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m. Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia/Culinary Wellness Wednesday Workshop - 3 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 4

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m. Individual Team Meetings Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia - 9:30 a.m. Culinary - 9:45 a.m. Individual Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m. Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia/Culinary

#### Friday, February 5

Breakfast Buffet - 8:45 a.m. Morning Meeting - 9 a.m. Individual Team Meetings - 10 a.m. Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia/Culinary Employment Workshop - 11 a.m. Individual Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m. Bus & Tech/Arts & Multimedia/Culinary Spanish Workshop - 3 p.m.

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