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Cerritos College & Long Beach City College Students to Jump Start Careers at Culinary Job Expo on October 23

What: Nearly 200 culinary arts students and alumni from Cerritos College and Long Beach City College as well as local high schools will get an opportunity to jump start their careers by participating in the Culinary Arts Extravaganza and Job Expo from 9 am to 2 pm on Friday, October 23 at Cerritos College. Organized by Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC), in partnership with the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Program, the event is being held to help local culinary career hopefuls gain access to hiring managers of leading hospitality employers.

The event will include food product displays from industry vendors; a chef's panel to address questions from culinary students; and a student cooking competition, with dishes prepared at Cerritos College's \$6 million newly re-opened Culinary Arts facility. Also during the event, Cerritos College will launch its first Culinary Arts Alumni Association to create a networking group for cooking and baking graduates.

Goodwill SOLAC's Workforce Development Department provides job placement services for the Culinary Arts Program at both colleges. The job expo is designed to connect industry employers with talented culinary students who are ready to work.

When: **Friday, October 23, 2015**
9:00 am to 1:30 pm – Vendor Product Displays
9:30 am to 11:00 am – Job Expo
10:00 am 11:00 am – Chef's Panel
10:00 am to 12:40 pm – Cooking Competition

Where: Cerritos College – Students Center
11110 Alondra Boulevard
Norwalk, CA 90650

Employers Attending:
(Partial List)
Aquarium of the Pacific
Benihana International
Disney Cafe
Gate Gourmet
Hilton Hotels
Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center
Pelican Hill Resorts
Renaissance Hotel Long Beach

Why: Goodwill SOLAC is a nonprofit organization that transforms donated goods into job training, education and placement services for individuals with barriers to employment. Goodwill SOLAC serves 22 cities and communities throughout Southern Los Angeles County. Goodwill SOLAC's main facility—located at 800 W. Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach—houses its administrative offices, training programs, processing operations, transportation fleet, LiNKs Sign Language & Interpreting Services, a retail store and its e-commerce operations. For more information about Goodwill SOLAC, please visit www.ThinkGood.org.

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