

Harlan County High School captures sixth annual Kentucky State Fair Junior Chef Championship

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The Harlan County High School cooking team captured the coveted skillet trophy in the sixth annual Junior Chef Championship cook-off Friday at the Kentucky State Fair.

“Congratulations to Harlan County for winning this very competitive challenge,” Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. “Kudos to all the teams that competed this year. Thanks to Sullivan University for its continuing support of the Junior Chef program. Last but not least, thanks to all the teachers, parents, and coaches who mentor these student-chefs and help them learn important life lessons through this program.”



Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles, right, presents the Junior Chef Championship trophy to the Harlan County cooking team on Friday. Pictured are, from left: Harlan County coach Leilani Kelly; Bill Wickliffe, director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Food Distribution Division; team members Kieran Chadwick and Selena Moreno; Tina Garland, the department's Farm to School Program administrator; and Commissioner Quarles. (Photo from Kentucky Department of Agriculture)

The Harlan County team – Kieran Chadwick and Selena Moreno – prepared taco pop tarts. Harlan was coached by Leilani Kelly. Each member of the team received a \$16,000 scholarship offer from Sullivan University.

The Roasting Redhounds of Corbin High School – Sierra Johnson, Kendell Lewis, and Rachel Standifer – finished second for the second consecutive year with their buffalo chicken boats and strawberry apple salsa. Corbin was coached by Jessica Lester. Each Corbin team member was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship offer from Sullivan.

Jessamine Career and Technology Center and Pikeville Independent were the other semi-finalists. Each member of the Jessamine and Pikeville teams received a \$6,000 scholarship offer from Sullivan.