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### **CDO Students win Culinary Scholarships**

**Tucson, AZ** - Over the recent Spring Break, Canyon del Oro High School seniors Alison Maxwell and Sabrina Allen competed in the finals of the Careers through Culinary Arts (CCAP) competition. Together, they won more than \$80,000 in scholarships. Maxwell who earned a 2 year, full-ride scholarship to Scottsdale Culinary Institute valued at \$42,000.00. Allen picked up a 2 year scholarship to the Art Institute of Phoenix valued at \$35,000.00. She also won the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Chef's Association of Arizona for \$5,000. The senior students were presented with their Scholarship awards at the CCAP breakfast hosted by the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ.

Alison Maxwell serves as President of the CDO Culinary Arts FCCLA club. She competed in the Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Culinary Arts competition last year and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> (Gold Medal) in the state. She traveled to Orlando, Florida over the summer and competed at the national competition, winning a Bronze Medal. She plans to compete in the FCCLA competition again this year in April.

Sabrina Allen has been active in the FCCLA club for three years and has always had a strong desire to become a Chef. She will also represent CDO High School at the upcoming FCCLA competition.

"CCAP is an extremely competitive and rigorous event that allows student's to show off their culinary skills and talents. I am incredibly proud of Alison's and Sabrina's success and know they will succeed in their future endeavors," said Patti Schmalzel, Culinary Arts Teacher at CDO.

Career through Culinary Arts Program (CCAP) is a culinary arts scholarship program established by Chef Richard Grausman, a nationally known cooking authority, author, and former exclusive United States representative of the Paris Cordon Bleu. High School Juniors compete for travel and course scholarships to various culinary schools across the United States. Seniors compete for national and state post-secondary scholarships to various prestigious culinary arts schools. In Arizona, approximately 40 high schools participate in CCAP.

CDO High School is one of the 22 schools and programs in the Amphitheater Public School District that serves the educational needs of more than 15,000 Northwest Tucson and Oro Valley students

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