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**HCCA Culinary Arts Program Earns Industry Certification**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County Career Academy's Culinary Arts Program has achieved industry certification. The program is certified by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission's Secondary Certification Committee. Sharon Alday teaches culinary arts at the Houston County Career Academy's.

Programs must successfully undergo rigorous reviews by industry leaders to become certified. Certification signifies that the students have employability skills that will benefit the food service industry. Thousands of chefs compete in the job market, and this certification represents skill, knowledge and professionalism.

Certification is good for three years; the school will conduct annual reviews to ensure its program continues to meet certification criteria. The American Culinary Federation is a professional organization for chefs and cooks. Founded in 1929, it promotes the professional image of American chefs worldwide through education of culinarians at all levels.

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