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## **Meals On Wheels Delaware Recognizes Culinary Students Support for Signature Brunch**

**Thursday, May 23, 2013** – Meals On Wheels Delaware is thrilled to acknowledge the Delcastle Technical High School Culinary Program for its participation in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Chefs’ Brunch on April 21, 2013. Twenty-four students paired up with twenty-five noteworthy chefs from around the U.S., Canada and the BVI to collaborate on delicious tastings for Meals On Wheels Delaware’s signature Brunch. Students contributed throughout the planning process, from choosing a menu item, ordering and prepping food to execution of the food on event day.

“It was truly a great experience for everyone involved! We are very impressed with how the students rose to the occasion and did a tremendous job assisting the chefs at a high-level.” Said Mari Considine, Executive Director, “Meals On Wheels Delaware is very appreciative of all the hard-work both the students and chefs put into this year’s event benefiting those in our community who need it most.”

Students were recognized for their efforts with a commemorative plaque to hang in the hallways of Delcastle Technical High School as well as a certificate acknowledging the culinary expertise volunteered for the success of the Celebrity Chefs’ Brunch.

“I learned so much from participating in the brunch—from cooking with respected chefs to listening to their life experiences, I will take all of it with me for years to come,” said Jenifer Ceja, culinary student at Delcastle Technical High School. “Chef Tyler Wiard encouraging me to read as much as I can and to give back to my community is something I will always remember.”

All of the celebrity chefs participating in this year’s event were pleasantly surprised by the professionalism and knowledge presented by the high school students as they worked together to ensure a delicious, yet unique tasting was served to each guest. Bruce Moffett, of *Barrington’s Restaurant* in Charlotte, NC, spoke very highly of his experience working with the students, stating, "This event would have been much more difficult without the students. Our assistant jumped right in and within minutes was working to the level of one of my kitchen staff. All the students deserve a big thank you for donating their time to help us out."

The Celebrity Chefs’ Brunch is one of three fundraising events Meals On Wheels Delaware hosts each April—Evening With The Masters and the Cellar Masters’ Wine Auction are held earlier that same weekend at the Doubletree Downtown. Proceeds from this weekend of culinary excellence benefit homebound seniors throughout the state of Delaware. Since its inception in 1996 the Meals On Wheels Delaware events have raised in excess of 5 million dollars to ensure no senior is placed on a waiting list for a hot-nutritious meal.

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*Scott Daniels, CEC, CCA, AAC, Meals ON Wheels Delaware Board Secretary, congratulating and thanking the students for their hard work at the Celebrity Chefs' Brunch in April.*



*James Berman CCI, Chef Instructor at Delcastle Technical High School, accepting the plaque presented by Meals On Wheels Delaware.*



### **Delcastle Technical High School Culinary Students 2013**

Andrea Bernal-Ortiz, Jenifer Ceja, Brandon Crain, Christina Dale, Alexa Dunkle, Brianna Hall, Harrison Jaymar, Dedrick Harrison, Karem Hernandez, Dwahjiah Jabali, Nigel Lacy, Julianna Lews, Gena Marra, Chelsea McCall, Guadalupe Mendez, Joey Peterson, Edward Schultz, Lauren Seelig, George Sinning, Kristina Tannen, Aziza Taylor, Jose Tiempos, Carmella White, Ida Wilson.

### **About Meals On Wheels**

The mission of Meals On Wheels Delaware is to ensure, through the provision of financial and human resources, that every eligible senior in the State of Delaware receives a hot, nutritious meal in their home. Meals On Wheels Delaware is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, a public/ private partnership between the federal government, the State of Delaware, five meal-providing agencies and thousands of volunteers from corporations, civic, religious and community groups. Together, the program provides and delivers meals every day to 4,000 homebound seniors. In fact, last year nearly 635,000 meals were served throughout the state. Meals On Wheels Delaware strengthens the partnership by providing additional financial and volunteer resources to the agency providers to ensure that no senior in Delaware is on a waiting list for a hot meal delivered to their home. Meals On wheels Delaware provides more than a meal...it also provides a gift of health, independence and companionship to homebound seniors in Delaware.

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