

## **2016-2017 Annual-End-of -Year Committee Report**

**Committee Name: Culinary Advisory**

**Chairperson: Vicki Karr**

**List of members: Scott Plowman, Larry Ahlhorn, Bob Bratcher, Lee Partridge, Jennifer Briley, Melissa Plowman, Dane Coenen**

**Dates of meetings: 10/27/16, 3:15pm**

**Accomplishments:**

- The high school and adult students took part in preparing and serving at the Heart Gallery event on November 14, 2016.
- The high school program took part in Empty bowls in October 2016.
- Both classes helped with participation in the United Way chili cook-off in February 2017 and came home with 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their peach cobbler!
- In March high school students marketed and promoted the program at the STEM career fair in Burkburnett, TX.
- Spring 2017 has allowed for the Farmers Market Grant through Vernon College to provide opportunities for our culinary students. The student were able to submit vegetable recipes showcasing spring vegetables that will be available when the market opens. One recipe will be chosen for the recipe cards at farmers markets and a class photograph will be on the card as well.
- A new instructor has been hired for the 2017-18 year for the adult program: Jason Barker (Benjimen)
- New books will be incorporated for the 2017-18 year to provide more certifications through the National Restaurant Association.
- Four high school students will complete the practicum program from Burkburnett H.S., and four students from the adult program will complete and walk the stage in June.

**Recommendations:** It was recommended that new textbooks be assigned to the program to help promote a higher level of certifications coming out of the program. With combined research from Erika Colee and Nina Feldman, new textbooks will be adopted for the 2017-18 year.

The committee also recommended Vernon College look at adding practicum for the adult program and possibly translating that into the high school as some point.

A continued recommendation for the program is to attempt to promote heavily through the year; however specifically through community restaurants and businesses to build the adult program numbers. The program must continue to build and look at other options to bring substance to the adult program for 2017-2018.

**Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address:**

<http://www.vernoncollege.edu/CollegeEffectiveness/Committees.aspx>

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