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Georgia School Nutrition Program to Sponsor Culinary Institute I at UGA

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May 31, 2011 –In collaboration with the University of Georgia (UGA) and funding by the USDA, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) School Nutrition Program sponsored its annual Culinary Institute I at the UGA campus in Athens, GA on June 5 – June 10, 2001 and June 12 – June 17, 2011. School nutrition managers from districts across Georgia, participated in a week of intensive, hands-on, practical learning sessions facilitated by faculty and certified chef from UGA’s Department of Foods and Nutrition.

This year’s sessions included:

- Wellness information from UGA’s pharmacy students.
- A Lab for using computers to analyze school recipes and menus.
- Knife skills and merchandising with garnishes.
- Techniques to make food more appealing.
- Food science, weights, measurements and math.
- Food safety and proper food handling.
- Implementation of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines as issued by the USDA.

The Culinary Institute is a part of the Georgia School Nutrition Program’s commitment of providing leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources to local program personnel so that they may deliver quality meals. According to Georgia policy, there must be a Classified Manager in each school. Classified School Nutrition Managers are required to have five years of Core “Training In Depth” (TID) courses, which includes: Manager In Training; Menu Management; Food Safety and Sanitation; and Food Production training. In addition to Core courses, they must also complete Advanced TID which focuses on topics such as Nutrition; Purchasing; Marketing Management; Customer Service; Training Skills; Human Resource Management, and Advanced Nutrition. Hence, the average experience of School Nutrition Managers is 11 years.

Last year, more than 1.5 million school meals were served to students in Georgia, making it sixth in the nation for participation in the USDA School Nutrition Program.

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More information:

Georgia School Nutrition Program - http://gadoe.org/fbo_nutrition.aspx

USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans – <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/dietaryguidelines.htm>

USDA School Meals - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/>

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