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Career Tech students earn national restaurant certification; highest passing rate in state

For the fourth straight year, Restaurant, Catering & Culinary Management (RCCM) students taking a national certification exam have allowed the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center to maintain the record for having the highest passing rate of all high school programs in the state. Of the 33 students who took the ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Exam, 28 students (85%) passed it. The students earning certification are in 11th and 12th grades at Fruitport, Mona Shores, Montague, Muskegon, Oakridge, Orchard View, Reeths-Puffer, Whitehall, and Muskegon Catholic Central.

ServSafe testing covers areas such as the temperature danger zones of foods, how to properly clean and sanitize, how to prevent food-borne illness, how to properly store foods, how to cool food correctly, symptoms of food-borne illness, and what microorganisms need to grow (FAT TOM: Food, Acidity, Temp, Time, Oxygen, Moisture).

The nationally recognized food safety certification is good for five years and, effective July 2009, is required for all managers operating foodservice businesses in the State of Michigan. Additionally, this certification is required for students pursuing degrees in Culinary and Pastry Arts, Hospitality, and Food and Beverage Management in technical schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States. The certification exam is sponsored by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.

Students who earned the certificate are:

Name	Home School	Grade
Caleb Benes	Oakridge	12
Britany Brown	Montague	11
Sarah J. Brown	Mona Shores	12
Amanda Bryant	Oakridge	12
Mario Cabrera	Muskegon	12
Craig Carlson	Fruitport	12
Trenton Chamberlain	Whitehall	12
Alexander Dietz	Oakridge	11
Patrick Dixon	Reeths-Puffer	11
Mark Doorenbos	Muskegon	12
Ashlee Drust	Reeths-Puffer	12
Sankawana Ervin	Muskegon	12
Jason Fuller	Muskegon	12
Rebecca Hinton	Fruitport	11

Alexandra Ickes	Oakridge	11
Lori Jennings	Whitehall	12
Thaddeus Klecha	Muskegon Catholic	11
Krystal Madison	Reeths-Puffer	12
Kelly Malecki	Orchard View	12
Ashley McCarthy	Whitehall	12
Lindsey Moon	Montague	12
Eric Salisz	Muskegon Catholic	12
Alyssia Sherwood	Whitehall	11
Chloe Smith	Mona Shores	11
Corey Tang	Muskegon	12
Brandon Walsworth	Reeths-Puffer	11
Ashley Williams	Muskegon	12
Samantha Witham	Oakridge	11

The Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (MACTC) opened to Muskegon area high school students in January 2005 and is operated by the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District. The center offers 20 different career and technical education programs for over 700 students.

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