

HOSPITALITY STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR CULINARY SKILLS AT 2018 CAASA CHEF IMBIZO

By Chef Citrus Khumalo



Hospitality students preparing their dishes for the competition

The Culinary Arts Association of South Africa (CAASA) hosted the annual Chef Imbizo from 3 – 4 August 2018 at ORBIT College, Mankwe Campus.

Organised by Technopro Trading Enterprise Company, in collaboration with CAASA, the two-day competition saw hospitality students from Mankwe Campus and the Culinary School of Hospitality show off their culinary skills. This was done through a number of activities which included conference & skills demonstration, as well as a tense but exciting competitive skills challenge.

Students were exposed to the skills of celebrity Chef, Citrus Khumalo, who comes with a host of accolades– celebrity chef, owner of the CPSH, President of African Chefs United and The Culinary Arts Association of South Africa (CAASA). Chef Khumalo has prepared meals for Nelson Mandela, Brad Pitt and a host of other local and international celebrities. He is known for demanding perfection, and it is this standard that has made him one of the most sought-after Chefs in South Africa.



One of the delicious dishes prepared by the Mankwe Campus hospitality students

Students did not disappoint! Letlhogonolo Masila was awarded the best ‘*Student Skills Challenge*’ for ORBIT College, while Mahlako Matlala won the same challenge

for CPSH. The *'Table Setting'* award went to Thabiso Mokoena, while Kgosi Kekana scooped the *'BBQ Challenge'* award. The coveted *'Imbokodo Chef of the Year'* award was won by Mathapelo Molathwa, and lastly, Elias Seele walked away with the *'Free for all mystery basket'*

According to Chef Khumalo, this competition has not only instilled discipline, and confidence in young people in the past but also equipped them with the necessary skills to secure jobs easily.

The Imbizo is held annually to create activities that, in turn, create opportunities for young people to learn about essential skills needed to secure jobs in the Hospitality and Culinary Industry. CAASA plans to have an even bigger and better Imbizo next year!

Our appreciation goes out to all the competition sponsors and the key role players who ensured that the event was a success.



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