



Hanover-Horton High School graduate will compete in national culinary competition

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The popular television show "Iron Chef" pits master chefs against one another to answer the question, "Whose cuisine reigns supreme?" Now, a Hanover-Horton High School graduate is sharpening his knives for a similar battle of skill and craftsmanship in the kitchen.

Andrew Addleman II won the American Culinary Federation Inc. Southeast Region Student Chef of the Year Award in April. He will compete for the national title in July.

Addleman is a student at Keiser University in Florida and will receive his associate's degree in culinary arts next year. He said he got into cooking after working as a busboy and wandering into the kitchen to see the food being prepared.

"My stomach pulled me in," Addleman said.

The national competition will pit Addleman against three other students from other regions of the United States.

After weeks of stressing out about his appetizer, Addleman said, he had recently decided on a pecan crusted trout with a tall sesame cracker. The competition stipulates the use of particular ingredients, and Addleman said he wanted to use trout in part because of its prevalence in the diets of Michigianians.

Addleman said he would like to continue competing after graduation and hopes to earn a spot on the Youth Culinary Olympic team in 2010.

Cooking in the heat of battle is something he said he would like to do throughout his career.

"My passions are cooking and competing. I love seeing good food treated well," he said.

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