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WOMEN'S PRISON CULINARY CLASS HOLD WINTER BANQUET CELEBRATION

HONOLULU — The culinary class made up of female inmates at the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) held their Winter Banquet Celebration today to feature some of the cuisine they have learned to create. The class is taught by Chef Lee Shinsato of Kapiolani Community College. This banquet was their midterm examination.

The dishes prepared today included Mini Insalata Giardineira, Deconstructed California Rolls, Beef Korokke, Kim Chee Fried Rice Lumpia, Chicken Paella, Chicken and Apricot with Coconut Polenta and for dessert a Virgin Tiramisu (Don't worry if you can't say half of that.. neither could we. Pictures are on our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/HawaiiPSD.)

This menu was created by the students in the beginner class. The women work their way through an intermediate level class and an advanced class. Once all three levels are completed they will graduate from the culinary program and receive a certificate from the Kapiolani Community College. They will also earn 14 credits that will appear in their University of Hawaii transcripts.

"This culinary program give the women real-life job skills, but it's not just about that. It gives their lives purpose and teaches them self-esteem and a higher focus," said WCCC Warden Eric Tanaka. "I am thankful to Chef Shinsato and the Kapiolani Community College for bringing this program to WCCC a few years ago, and helping prepare these women for a positive career path once they leave."

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Pictured: WCCC Culinary Class with their instructor Chef Lee Shinsato.

(More pictures of the food are available on our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/HawaiiPSD)

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