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GJHS student's edible centerpiece wins 2nd in state

Polk County Public Schools culinary students from George Jenkins High School (GJHS) and Tenoroc High School (THS) competed in the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association Education Foundation's ProStart Culinary Team Competition at the Orange County Convention Center on Feb. 25.

GJHS student Jamelle Sorongon took second place in the ProStart Culinary Edible Centerpiece Competition. She received a \$5000 scholarship to Keiser Culinary School for her centerpiece 'Tropical Paradise.' Her second place win combined with GJHS' Waiter's Relay Team finish earned the team an overall fifth place out of 47 schools participating.

Tenoroc High School students Kenzie Harris, Kaley Oppenheimer, and Samuel Patrick placed fifth in the Waiters Relay Competition.

According to www.frla.org, the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association's Educational Foundation home page, more than \$820,000 was distributed to the winning schools. All participating teams were comprised of high school juniors and seniors who were enrolled in the ProStart curriculum program during the 2011-2012 school year. Teams participated in four competitions which included the Cracker Barrel Management Competition, the Johnson & Wales University Gourmet Meal Competition, the **Keiser University Edible Centerpiece Competition**, and the Coca-Cola Company Waiters Relay Competition.

Caption:

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George Jenkins High culinary student Jamelle Sorongon holds her \$5,000 scholarship award to **Keiser University's Center for Culinary Arts.**