

## Students Face Off in 'The Miami Herald Chefs' Challenge'

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Twelve students representing Florida International University's School of Hospitality & Tourism Management, The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale, and Le Cordon Bleu battled through four rounds of surprise ingredients to become the last chef standing.

The contest was judged by Miami Herald Food Editor Kathy Martin, CBS4-WFOR reporter Lisa Petrillo and Chef Dewey LoSasso. The judging criteria were taste, presentation, creativity, organization, marketability, sanitation, culinary prowess and technique.

After three tense rounds, the final three future chefs were chosen: Alexia Apostolidis, Jovany Bandomo and Luis Mendizabal, all representing FIU.

One of the surprise ingredients for the final round was kangaroo. Although none of the three had ever cooked kangaroo, all three dishes were well prepared.

And the last chef standing: Luis Mendizabal.

Luis also won two round trip tickets anywhere in the continental U.S. and an internship at North One 10 restaurant.

The contest was sponsored by Sanso Foods and Spirit Airlines. Kitchen facilities courtesy of Florida International University's School of Hospitality & Tourism Management and North One 10 restaurant.

For more information please visit [hospitality.fiu.edu](http://hospitality.fiu.edu).

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