

Throughout May, the Duval County Public Schools Nutrition Program focused on closing out the school year with highlights including:

School Lunch Hero Day

We encouraged our schools to celebrate School Lunch Hero Day with us on Friday, May 5, by bringing our heroic school nutrition professionals into the spotlight to show our appreciation. Students and faculty made cards and gifts and had fun celebrations to honor our kitchen crews on this special day.

College Scholarship Awards

To give back to the students we serve, the DCPS Nutrition Program offers graduating seniors scholarship opportunities for their post-secondary education. This year, we awarded the following:

- 20 DCPS seniors a one-time \$5,000 scholarship to go toward their continuing education
- Two DCPS seniors a one-time meal plan scholarship at a Historically Black College and University with food service provided by Thompson Hospitality

Learn more about our winners at duvalschools.org/Page/33297.



Recipe Video Cookoff Contest

This spring, we invited elementary students to participate in our Recipe Video Cookoff Contest. Students were tasked with creating a recipe for school lunch and putting together a video tutorial on how to make their dish. Our judges went through the 20 submissions and scored the student videos on visual appearance, presentation, originality, and whether their dish followed our recipe guidelines. Our winners were as follows:

- 1st place – Jolene M. & Jeremiah F-K., Venetia Elementary
 - \$75 Amazon gift card for each
- 2nd place – Jacob G., Ortega Elementary
 - \$50 Amazon gift card
- 3rd place – Lily W., Venetia Elementary
 - \$25 Amazon gift card and junior chef cooking set

The judges were so impressed with all the students' creativity, culinary skills, and teamwork that they decided to award the rest of the contestants with a junior chef cooking set to help foster their passion for the culinary arts.