

# August

## Culinary Newsletter 2024

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### ABOUT THE CHEFS:

#### CHEF NICOLE KINZER:

##### Education and Training:

Culinary Arts from Kendall College, 1999.

Business Administration from Robert Morris University, 2011  
MsEd. from University of St. Francis, 2017.

Certified ServSafe Instructor and Proctor.

##### Organizations:

Member of IACTE, NTHS, Illinois Restaurant Association.

Psi Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society.

##### Chapter advisor for FCCLA:

Student organization group for Culinary Arts.

This year I'm hoping all of the students join to reap the benefits of this wonderful organization!



FCCLA is a Wilco Culinary student organization.

Students do not have to compete to join FCCLA.

We are a student organization that serves our community! Students are encouraged to compete in FCCLA competitions so they will have the ability to earn scholarships for college. To join FCCLA there is a \$14 fee. This can be paid with check, cash, card over phone or through our online payment system:

<https://wilco.revtrak.net>

Once payments are received we will print out membership cards for each student that allows them to get discounts at some stores related to the industry.

On the competition team students will create projects and present them at regionals later this year.

Culinary Competitions include:

- Culinary Arts
- Baking and Pastry
- Hospitality
- Food Innovations
- Fondant Cakes
- Frosted Cakes
- Relish Tray
- Salads
- Food Truck
- Nutrition
- Sports Nutrition

If the student's place Gold at regionals in February they will then go to State competitions.



### Wilco Culinary fees due Tues Sept 3, 2024

- **Chef uniforms:**  
**Make payment online:**  
<https://wilco.revtrak.net>

#### Jacket:

XS-L \$27  
XL \$28  
2XL \$29  
3XL \$30  
4XL \$30

#### Chef pants:

XS-L \$31  
XL \$32  
2XL \$33  
3XL \$34  
4XL \$35

#### Chef hat:

\$11

#### Thermometer:

\$9

**Background work and teaching experience:**

Worked in the fields of culinary and hospitality for over 20 years in many restaurants, hotels, and food companies.

Personal chef for a family, 8 years.  
Owner of Chef's du Jour catering, 5 years.

Began teaching in 2003 at Sur La Table in Naperville.

Taught Culinary Arts at Robert Morris University.

Experience teaching in culinary, Hospitality, Internship, and Business.

2012 began teaching at Wilco Area Career Center, and have been here ever since!

**CHEF DAKOTA HAYNES:**

**Education and training:**

Joliet Junior College, Servsafe certified proctor. Wilco Alumni

**Organizations:**

Certified Culinarian with the American Culinary Federation

**Work experience Background:**

Worked in a variety of restaurants in the Will county area

Worked as a Teachers Aide at Joliet Junior College for 4 years.

Chef DaKoTa Haynes and I are very excited to be working with your students this year!

FCCLA State competition takes place in Springfield in April in Springfield April 9-11th 2025 (Culinary and Baking and Pastry compete in Glen Ellyn for state.)

If students place gold at State for star events then they can compete at Nationals.

FCCLA National Conference this year takes place in Orlando, Florida July 5th-9th 2025

<https://fcclainc.org/>

<http://ilfccla.org/>

**FCCLA Community events:**

- Plainfield Homecoming parade
- Romeoville Trunk or treat
- Local food pantry

If you have a community event you would like to share with us to be a part of, please email [nkinzer@wilcoacc.org](mailto:nkinzer@wilcoacc.org)

**Future fundraisers:**

**September: Affy Tapple Fundraiser!**

**October: After School Halloween Treat Making.**

**November: Fundraiser Candle Sales**

**December: FCCLA Fundraiser Ornament Making Workshop**

**February: Valentines Treat Fundraiser**

**March: Applebee's Flapjack fundraiser.**

**April: Easter Egg Hunt Fundraiser**

**Non Slip Shoes:**

**purchased by student need by Sept 1st**

- **FCCLA payment \$14**
- **Sanitation Managers test \$38 and must be paid to wilco through <https://wilco.revtrak.net> This CA 106 dual credit through Joliet Jr. College to receive credit.**
- **Allergen test online \$25**
- **[allergen online course and exam](#)**
- **This test is mandatory to receive CA 106 dual credit for Joliet jr. College.**
- **This test is to be taken at home, or after school hours from 2:30pm-4pm Sign up sheet attached!**

[Allergen Sign up sheet](#)