

Student from The Art Institute of Vancouver wins Hot Competition at BC Place

Wayne Zhao, student at The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Vancouver, took the top prize in the Post Secondary category at the BC Chefs Association's 13th Annual Hot Competition on January 26, 2009.

The competition, staged as part of the Foodservice Expo at BC Place, attracted contestants from all levels of cooking, including Professional, Apprentice, High School and Post Secondary, who were watched by capacity crowds as they put together their dishes.

Also representing The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Vancouver, and winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the competition, were Dean McGregor (team captain), Lucky Dhillon, Adam Goldner, Talib Hudda, Joseph Stikans, and Pieter Vanmeenen. Alumni from The Art Institute of Vancouver, Coleman Harrington, Clement Chan and Romeo Olorejisimo, were in action in the Professional and Team competitions.

The contest took place over two days, requiring students to create a vegetarian dish in just half an hour. In keeping with the competition's association with BC Health Check, the dishes were judged not only on taste and presentation, but also on protein and fat content.

The success of students at The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Vancouver continues, as the team from the school was recently crowned "**The Best of The West**" at the competition of the same name at the BC Hospitality Expo in November 2008.

The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Vancouver was also voted **Best Cooking School** in The Best of Vancouver 2008 by readers of the Georgia Straight magazine.