

## Epicurean Delight

Renz Addiction Counseling Center in Elgin held its annual Epicurean Delight fundraiser on Oct. 18 for more than 150 guests at the Elgin Community College Culinary Arts & Hospitality Institute's Spartan Terrace restaurant.

Local "celebrity chefs" were paired with Elgin Community College student chefs as they prepared delicacies of shrimp, scallops, chicken tikka and braised short ribs.

The chefs, who took turns preparing food and some waiting tables, included Elgin City Councilman **Juan Figueroa**, state **Sen. Michael Noland**, state **Rep. Ruth Munson**, Streamwood Mayor **Billie Roth**, Elgin Community College President **Dr. David Sam** and Community Unit School District 300 Associate Superintendent **Dr. David Scarpino**.

Attendees were delighted with the variety of culinary treats to sample at three stations in addition to the free wine pairings. Loaves of bread in the shapes of animals added decoration and whimsy to the event.

Highlights of the evening included a themed basket raffle, presentation of the Julie McCormack Award to Elgin Police **Sgt. Al Young** for advancing the mission of Renz's youth prevention programs, and a testimonial by **Patrick**, a former Renz client. The evening feast concluded with a fiery demonstration of bananas Foster by ECC's **Tom Johnston** in the demonstration kitchen.

The intimate event raised more than \$12,000 to support alcohol and drug prevention education programs for youth and treatment programs for adolescents and adults.



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