

## UC Santa Cruz Dining Wins Four Culinary Awards

Dining team impresses crowds at the Santa Cruz Chowder Cook-Off

### UC Santa Cruz, CUHS:

Three teams from UC Santa Cruz Dining entered the Santa Cruz Chowder Cook-Off held annually at the Boardwalk on the last Saturday in February. About 50 teams compete in several categories and the first-time contenders from UC Santa Cruz surprised the crowds. The *Redwood Sluggers*, the *Restaurant at UCEN* and the *Chowder Slugs* prepared and served close to fifty gallons of chowder.

The *Chowder Slugs* led by Executive Chef Dwight Collins won three titles for their New England Clam Chowder:

- **First Place in the Corporate Division**
- **Third Place for Overall Most Tasted**
- **Grand Prize of People's Choice**

Team members Bill Prime and Wade Garza were amazed at how many people came back for seconds. Scott Berlin, team member and Associate Director, UC Santa Cruz Dining, beamed with pride about just how far his new department has come in less than a year.



From left to right: Bill Prime, Scott Berlin, Wade Garza, Dwight Collins

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## Catering Manager wins Bronze at Regional Culinary Competition at Stanford University

Just a few days later, another member of UC Santa Cruz Dining was recognized for culinary excellence. The National Association of Colleges and Food Services (NACUFS) held its annual Pacific Region Culinary Competition at Stanford University on March 2. Julie Mitravich, Catering Manager at UC Santa Cruz, competed against 11 other trained chefs in a grueling exercise starting with de-boning a saddle of lamb to preparing an exquisite presentation of a seared lamb plate. Julie's skill and dedication earned her a Bronze Medal from the judges, all three members of a very distinguished group of Certified Master Chefs.



Julie Mitravich, Catering Manager (left), Scott Berlin, Associate Director, UC Santa Cruz Dining