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Silverstone Living Executive Chefs Win Highest Praise at Fire and Fusion

Hunt Community and The Huntington at Nashua win first and second place in executive chef competition

The 4th Annual Fire and Fusion event, an Executive Chef competition benefiting the Nashua Senior Center, was held on Wednesday, May 4th at Alpine Grove in Hollis, NH. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the 100% self-funded Nashua Senior Activity Center, and also to highlight the culinary talents of the Executive Chefs that work in life plan communities, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals and other healthcare environments.



Based on the show “Chopped” where contestants are given secret ingredients at the beginning of the competition, they have only 30 minutes to make a creative dish using each ingredient. The three mystery ingredients were unveiled at the last moment and included chicken thighs, star fruit and purple yams. The expert judge panel included Chef Nicole, Corporate Chef, Great NH Restaurants; Kathleen Palmer, Food Editor, Nashua Telegraph and George Russell, Morning Drive Host, WSMN 1590. Mike Morin, Co-Host of “The Chef’s Plate” was the distinguished host. He said “I love serving as MC of Fire and Fusion because the intensity of the chefs is crazy and the energy from the crowd keeps my adrenaline level at 11!”

After careful deliberation from the judges, Chef Matt Morin from Hunt Community was awarded 1st place. Chef Brian Pelletier from The Huntington at Nashua was awarded 2nd place. Silverstone Living also won the “People’s Choice Award” which is only offered to the community with the most tastefully prepared and presented appetizers. Our appetizer theme, “From Sea to Shining Sea”, had offerings from the East, West, North and South areas of the United States. “When I saw that Chef Matt Morin had won both first place and ‘People’s Choice’ I had to maintain a poker face to keep from giving my excitement away”, exclaimed Mike Morin.



The delectable appetizer dishes included a parmesan lobster dip served on a parmesan crostini; short rib chili in a cornbread cup; Santa Fe guacamole with shrimp and lump crab meat; and roast beef burgers with sliced beef tenderloin, Wisconsin cheddar cheese and shredded lettuce on Nilla Wafers with sesame seeds.



“I am incredibly proud to have such a talented and creative culinary team who are responsible for this win. Our chefs demonstrate their incredible talents on a daily basis and I’m thrilled that the greater Nashua community now knows what our own residents and staff enjoy each day,” said Lisa Valcourt, Director of Dining Services for Hunt Community and the Huntington at Nashua.

Silverstone Living is a not-for-profit family of living choices based in Nashua, New Hampshire, created to provide its residents and members with security, peace of mind and the freedom to be themselves. With two active Life Plan Communities, including Hunt Community and the Huntington at Nashua, and a revolutionary Continuing Care

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