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## PCTI Culinary Students Reach the Stars with National NASA HUNCH Culinary Challenge Win!

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –Passaic County Technical Institute's (PCTI) winning entrée is literally "out of this world!" Culinary Arts students Sierra Bronas, Jada Sanders, and Carolan Terrero received first place at the national *NASA HUNCH Culinary Challenge* in Houston, Texas! Their winning Red Pepper Risotto entrée will be processed for flight for astronauts to enjoy during their stay on the International Space Station.

The golden trio beat out teams from nine other schools when they competed at the Houston Space Center on April 21<sup>st</sup>. After cooking their meal from scratch, Sierra Bronas, Jada Sanders, and Carolan Terrero served their creation to judges. They even got to meet and speak with astronauts!

In addition to the recipe being freeze-dried and served in space, it will also be included in a pre-flight cookbook. Congratulations to PCTI's Culinary Arts students for landing amongst the stars with their epic national *NASA Hunch Culinary Challenge* win!



While preparing their award winning Red Pepper Risotto entrée, PCTI Culinary Arts students Carolan Terrero (Paterson), Jada Sanders (Passaic), and Sierra Bronas (West Milford) meet with Astronaut Nicole Stott.



PCTI Culinary Arts students Carolan Terrero (Paterson), Jada Sanders (Passaic), and Sierra Bronas (West Milford), explore the Space Center Houston, before competing in and winning the national NASA HUNCH Culinary Challenge.