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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Workshop Memo

MEETING DATE: January 28, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Career Technical Education (CTE) Spotlight: Culinary Arts**

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: In March 2024, the County and the Nevada Joint Union High School District launched a partnership to foster student leadership, and bolster a regional workforce initiative through expansion of career technical education, student internships and career exploration. Work under this initiative included establishing the Nevada County Youth Commission, launching internship opportunities at the County and in various trades.

Career Technical Education (CTE) is heavily rooted in the trades and vocational education, supporting students in their post high school preparation. There are eight different industry sectors and over fifty course offerings each year amongst the three high schools in the Nevada Joint Union High School District, many of which are approved for college entrance credits.

The Culinary Arts program at Nevada Union is a robust career pathway that teaches students foundational cooking skills, introduces them to new and different cuisines, and as they progress through the levels, expands their skillsets to include designing menus, running a café, and today for our enjoyment, catering!

Item Initiated by: Erin Mettler, Deputy County Executive Officer/CFO

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