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FORMER MOTHERWELL COLLEGE STUDENT SUCCEEDS IN TASTE OF EDINBURGH COMPETITION

One of Motherwell College's former Hospitality Management students has won a leading competition. Michele Bukkems entered The Scottish Power Apprentice Chef Challenge in association with the Taste of Edinburgh.

Michele 22 from Airdrie succeeded against 5 other promising chefs from across Scotland. The talented chefs were asked to prepare a main course and a dessert using seasonal ingredients in an intense cook off. Their culinary skills were judged by an expert panel headed up by Kevin MacGillivray, president of the federation of Chefs Scotland.

Michele, who is currently working in Glasgow, will now take up a six month placement at Hotel Du Vin. She will also be demonstrating live, her gastronomic skills at the Taste of Edinburgh event, which takes place in Inverleith Park from 28 – 30 May along side the countries top chefs.

Flavour, seasonality, healthy eating to name a few, were all taken into account before Michele won every young chefs dream of a six-month placement at one of the countries top restaurants.

Michele said: "I am delighted that I won this fantastic prize. I am so excited about my placement beginning at Hotel du Vin and demonstrating at the Taste of Edinburgh Festival."

Jim Mullen, Motherwell College lecture said "I have known Michelle for a number of years as a student and have also worked beside her in industry. She is a talented chef who thoroughly deserves this success. The department of Hospitality and Professional cookery has an excellent record of producing well trained and capable chefs and I wish Michelle all the very best for the future."

David Aikman, Head of Department for Hospitality and Professional Cookery at Motherwell College said "It is a great honour for the college that Michele won such a fantastic event and we wish her well in her future career."

Motherwell College moved to a new campus at Ravenscraig in July 2009. More than 20,000 students and 500+ staff continue to take advantage of the high quality education programmes the College offers in the new 21st century £70 million facilities.

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