

2017 LEHIGH VALLEY FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

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“The festival provides a unique opportunity for our (NCC) students to network and work with some of the top chefs and restaurants in the Lehigh Valley. With thousands of people in attendance, our students also see what they can work towards and one day accomplish with hard work, a great work ethic, and dedication to the food service industry.”

—Chef Susan Roth, NCC Culinary Instructor and Owner of Mitzi's Table



3,500 guests from the Lehigh Valley and beyond attended the Grand Tasting Event over two days at the Sands Event Center.

Prior to the festival, NCC Culinary and Hospitality students competed for externship opportunities to work in **Celebrity Chef Emeril Lagasse's** anchor restaurants in New Orleans. On the eve of the Grand Tasting, six student winners were announced by Emeril at his afternoon cooking demo.



Emeril also made an appearance at the sponsor reception and dinner as the guest of honor. The celebrity chef prepared and served a 4-course meal to 200 guests in Emeril's Chop House assisted by NCC Culinary Students.



Samples of **premium wines from all over the world** were offered at the Grand Tasting in addition to champagne and spirits tastings.

An impressive array of dishes such as Shrimp and Grits, Short Rib Ravioli and **Wine Infused Cupcake Shooters** were served by more than 30 area restaurants.



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Sponsors and their clients had the opportunity to sample even more exceptional wines and champagne in the **Southern Wine & Spirits of Pennsylvania Sponsor Suite**.

Seminars were led by wine experts including professional sommelier, Mark Bell, and Sarah Troxell of Galen Glen Winery.



Cooking demonstrations were offered by award-winning chefs such as Executive Pastry Chef, Cher Harris of The Hotel Hershey and Executive Chef, Victor Bock of Sands Bethlehem.

Six restaurants were pronounced the **Best of the Fest** and received awards including Momento (Stroudsburg), Fiesta Ole (Emmaus), Sodexo (NCC), Two Rivers Brewing (Easton), Kupkake Kandi (Palmerton) and The Bayou/Grain (Bethlehem/Allentown).



The Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival sponsorship dollars go to the Northampton Community College Foundation which rallies community support for the benefit of Northampton Community College, students and academic programs.



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