Multicultural Cook-Off Celebrates Many Cultures

The Student National Podiatric Medical Association’s third annual Multicultural Cook-Off on March 3 was a true celebration of the many cultures that comprise the NYCPM community. Jamaican, Indian, Jewish, Dominican, Lebanese, Pakistani, American and Ecuadoran dishes were among the lunchtime offerings. The size of the crowd indicated the cook-off’s popularity.

Among the eaters were the judges who ultimately chose the winning dishes:

- Dr. Anthony R. Iorio, DPM, MPH (Faculty)
- Keeshagaye Whitter (Payroll Specialist, Business Office)
- Felecia Foster (Administrative Assistant, Dept. of Orthopedics & Pediatrics)
- Rahim Lakhani (Class of 2020)
- Jaskern Dhami (Class of 2020)
- Monique Dyquiangco (Class of 2021)
- Schadegg, Margaret (Class of 2022)
- Obiozor Emeagwali (Class of 2023)

Left, Jenee Gooden and right, Umay Mughal, both 2022

And the winners were:

- Appetizer – Jasmine Reid (2023) for her African American Potato Salad
- Entrée/Side Dish – Waigh Kaleen (Class 2021) for his Middle Eastern Pasta Bashamell
- Meat – Jenee Gooden (Class 2022) for her African American Pork Ribs
- Dessert - Mayara Grijo (Medical Assistant, FCNY) – for her Brazilian Brigadeiros