CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 22, 2013

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of Youth from the Healthy Options for Teen Culinary Arts Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Alexander Ortiz, Angelica Luisjuan, Christian Peralta, Jesus Loeza, Josh Orsdel, Julissa Zarate, Luis Martinez, Pilar Broussard, Ricardo Maldonado and Ruben Labarico from the Teen Culinary Arts Program.
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DISCUSSION:

Neighborhood and Outreach Services offers a Culinary Arts Program specially designed for Junior and Senior High School students of the community. The program is designed to educate teens on healthy food preparation and expose them to a possible career in food service.

The program is offered for 16 weeks between January and April at the Westside and Franklin Neighborhood Centers. In its fourth year, the recent class had its largest registration yet, with almost 30 students. The enrollment represents students from Santa Barbara, San Marcos, Bishop Diego Garcia, El Puente, and La Cuesta High Schools.

The students at each site provided a community service event at the end of their program. One site prepared a full dinner for a dinner dance for disabled adults, and the other site prepared appetizers for the Parks and Recreation Community Foundation fundraiser.

The students receiving the recognition today worked two days to prepare and serve the appetizers for the fundraiser. Funds generated by the event will support summer camp scholarships for deserving youth and to fund the Healthy Options for Teens Culinary Arts Program next year. These teens are paying it forward to secure a program for the class of 2013.

The Parks and Recreation Department recognizes them for their outstanding service to the community.

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