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Press Release

## **STAR STUDENT GEORGE WINS YOUNG PUB CHEF OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**A young chef who trained at Cambridge Regional College has won a national title – and landed a plum job at a top London hotel.**

George Allan, who studied Professional Cookery at CRC and worked at The Cock in Hemingford Grey, was named Young Pub Chef of the Year in the prestigious Great British Pub Food Awards 2011.

The announcement of his triumph came on top of another big success for the talented chef – he recently started working at the five-star Dorchester hotel in London's Park Lane.



George is presented with his Young Pub Chef of the Year award by Joe Laventure

George, 20, battled it out in a 75-minute cook-off competition with two other finalists to take the Young Pub Chef award. His main course dish of roast rack of lamb proved a real winner, clinching the title.

He was presented with his award at a glittering celebration night at the Plaisterers Hall in London, which included a drinks reception, disco, dancing and post-awards entertainment.

Chris Burford, CRC's Work-Based Learning Programme Leader for Catering, said George had worked very hard throughout his apprenticeship and would go far in his career.

"We're absolutely delighted for George, both for winning the title and for his achievement in getting a job at the Dorchester. George was a very successful student at CRC and I am sure he has a great career ahead of him. He is very enthusiastic about cooking, very organised and very keen on what he does," he said.

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### **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has more than 4,000 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes.