

# College Service-Learning Project to Benefit America's Second Harvest

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A chemistry class may not be the likely venue for community service-learning projects, but with the College's commitment to integrate service-learning across the curriculum, science and math courses are developing innovative approaches to incorporate the collaborative learning venture.

This summer, the introductory chemistry class taught for a cohort of culinary arts students will be hosting a cook-off contest on Wednesday, June 25, from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Campus Center. The class has been collaborating with Chandra Mahony, Agency Relations Coordinator for the Brunswick branch of America's Second Harvest.

As part of the science of cooking, each student was charged with creating a recipe utilizing a canned food.



The challenge: the canned foods are selected from the shelves of America's Second Harvest warehouse, readily available but difficult to distribute because they are not a common recipe ingredient in southeastern Georgia. Dr. Andrea Wallace, Professor of Chemistry and chair of the Department of Natural Sciences at the College, cited examples such as canned pumpkin, hominy, black beans, green chilies and garbanzo beans.

For a \$1 donation – which is sufficient to supply four meals through the resources of America's Second Harvest to someone who is hungry – the campus community and general public are invited to taste the dishes and then vote for a favorite recipe. Copies of the recipes will be available at the tasting as well as provided to America's Second Harvest to share with clients.

Additional cash donations for the local service will be accepted at the cook-off, as well as donations of non-perishable goods. "Items most needed include canned meats, breakfast cereal, peanut butter and individually-packaged items for children's lunch bags. Those foods, more familiar to most people, fly off the shelves." Dr. Wallace added, "Also paper goods would be helpful, such as tissues and toilet paper, which people in distressed circumstances consider 'luxury' items."