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To all competitors,

Competitions are a great tool to create excellence. It hones your skills in innovation, mise en place, hygiene awareness and service delivery. Service staff, culinary artists, barista and hot kitchen staff all have a part to play in the betterment of, not only your establishment, but yourselves.

It's a great opportunity to add to your curriculum vitae and for advancing your career. Plenty of accomplishments made in competitions has led to greater job and business opportunities. Employers hover around the live competitions searching for that next gem.

It's great to see so many young aspiring hospitality trainees, students and immersed hospo workers giving it a go. Have fun doing it, and treat it like any other competition, sports, academic or otherwise: be prepared, train hard and enjoy the moment.

Ma te wa

Nga Mihi Nui

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Perehitini o te Motu

Nga Kaitao Aotearoa