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**MICHAEL JORDAN'S STEAKHOUSE AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL® HOTEL
CHICAGO MAGNIFICENT MILE ANNOUNCES "CULINARY CLASH" FIRST-PLACE
WINNER**

*Kennieth Hunter of the Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School wins student cooking competition
and scholarship*

CHICAGO, IL (March 27, 2014)— Michael Jordan's Steakhouse at the InterContinental® Chicago Magnificent Mile announces the winner of its local **Culinary Clash** program, a cooking competition and scholarship fundraiser for culinary students. Kennieth Hunter, culinary student at Le Cordon Bleu cooking school, took top honors in the restaurant's student cooking competition. Michael Jordan's Steakhouse at the InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile awarded a total of \$4,250 in scholarships to the competitors, as well as to the Le Cordon Bleu scholarship fund.

Kennieth impressed diners, guest judges, and Michael Jordan's Chef Craig Couper with his menu of **Roasted Beet Salad** with *Toasted Hazelnuts, Le Claire Goat Cheese, and Whole Grain Mustard Vinaigrette*, **Rain-Crow Ranch Grass-Fed Rib-Eye** with *Chimichuri and a Warm Mushroom Salad* and for dessert, **Warm Red Velvet Cake** with *Macerated Oranges and White Chocolate-Creme Cheese Ganache*.

As the winner of the Culinary Clash, Kennieth, along with his sous chef Brandon Vandedrink, will accompany Chef Couper to San Francisco to compete in the InterContinental® Hotels & Resorts Ultimate Culinary Clash against four other teams

from InterContinental properties throughout North and South America. He also received a \$1,500 scholarship.

While new to the professional restaurant, service, and hospitality industry, Kennieth Hunter has a driving passion and obsession for all things food. A recent graduate of Le Cordon Bleu Chicago with top honors, Kennieth is currently working at D. A.'s Deli and Dining in Country Club Hills IL. Kennieth has had the opportunity to continuously give back to the school and community as one of the school's student ambassadors. On March 9, 2014, Kennieth was inducted into The Chaine des Rotisseurs, the world's oldest and largest food and wine society. Currently Kennieth has re-enrolled into Le Cordon Bleu Chicago, to earn his Associates Degree In Applied Science in Culinary Arts. Kennieth worked with classmate Brandon Vandedrink as his sous chef, who received \$750 in scholarship money for his role in being part of the first place team.

Second-Place was a tie between Jaimie Habhab and Jaime Esparza, who both won scholarship money along with classmates and sous chefs Jeffrey Brown and Sean Ragusa.

For more information on Michael Jordan's Steakhouse at the InterContinental® Chicago Magnificent Mile (505 N. Michigan) and further details on the Culinary Clash, please visit www.icchicagohotel.com.

About Michael Jordan's Steak House

Set in the InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile at 505 N. Michigan Ave., Michael Jordan's Steak House presents a signature twist on steak house favorites at the helm of Executive Chef James O'Donnell. Michael Jordan's Steak House is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The bar is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. For more information, please call (312) 321-8823 or visit Michael Jordan's Steak House's [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

About InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile

Located at 505 N. Michigan Ave., [InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile](#) is the only hotel with a front entrance on the prestigious Magnificent Mile – Chicago's most desirable address. Originally built in 1929 as the Medinah Athletic Club, an exclusive luxury men's club, the property is one of Chicago's most elegant landmarks. The hotel features 792 refurbished guest rooms, including 73 lavishly decorated suites. The hotel's historic, junior Olympic size pool is recognized as one of the best indoor pools in the U.S. and is included in Chicago's major architectural tours. Dining options in the hotel

include **Michael Jordan Steak House**, an elegant, modern American steakhouse that reflects the basketball legend's preferred dining style, and **ENO**, an upscale yet approachable wine lounge that features cheese and chocolate pairings.

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