



The Taste of Africa at UAlbany - Albany, NY

There was magic in the air during the afternoon leading up to the 2014 Sankofa Gala at the University at Albany this fall. The gala, organized by a student group called the Sankofa Africa Organization, is a yearly event to promote and embrace the Congolese culture. Although many would say the event was the 'star attraction,' the food preparation took on an extra special role this year as well. "UAlbany Dining's Executive Chef Oriol welcomed us into his kitchen and helped us prepare the food ourselves from recipes provided by our families living in the Republic of the Congo. It was an amazing experience that made the evening that much more exciting and genuine," said Co-President of Sankofa Africa Organization.

The gala's menu included traditional African recipes with varied dishes from meaty stews to vegetable and rice sides. The Sankofa Gala is just one of many cultural events hosted every year at UAlbany with food prepared in partnership with UAlbany Dining's Cultural Dining Program -- a program that was instituted to help meet the cultural needs of the diverse student population on campus while also providing a fun and educational culinary experience to be remembered.

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