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Glen Oaks students to try for World's Largest Meatball

CENTREVILLE---Glen Oaks Community College may become known around the world if plans for a 350 pound cooked meatball are achieved. Students, faculty and staff plan to cook the record-breaking meatball on Monday, March 15 at the campus.

Members of the Recreation/Student Activities and Student Government organizations, along with a host of volunteers including business and science professors, will cook the 350 pound meatball on the first day back from Spring Break. "After completing the record-breaking process, we will then feed up to 800 people from the county a meatball sandwich, salad, and a beverage for free," explained Bill Furr, Professor of Business.

Furr said the current world record in the Guinness World Book of Records is 222.5 pounds, an achievement held by Nonni's Italian Eatery of New Hampshire. Nonni's broke the record of 198.6 pounds created on Jimmy Kimmel.

"We plan to start with over 400 pounds for a final cooked weight of 350 pounds," said Dr. Lester Keith, Doctor of Business Administration and Professor of Business Administration at Glen Oaks. Also helping to coordinate the cooking effort is Jerry Barkley, Professor of Science, along with Student Government members Leanna Tokarski and Iffe Oni. The educators have tentative approval from the health department and have consulted with the Guinness World Book people about their record-breaking plans.

Dr. Keith said the college is working with local schools to provide a community service activity for those students wishing to volunteer. They are also checking with local transportation groups to see if they can bring those in need of a meal to the college for the 4 p.m. dinner. "We will also be contacting local soup kitchens as a pickup location and will work with them to transport any leftovers to them so there is no wasted food," Dr. Keith said.

For more information about the meatball record or to volunteer your help, contact Dr. Lester Keith at (269) 294-4206 or Lkeith@glenoaks.edu Announcements and developments on this tasty project will also be posted on the college website: www.glenoaks.edu

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