

Suffolk Culinary Student Says Thanks to Frontline Medical Workers

Baked Dozens of Cookies for Southampton Hospital

Justin Rangel, 24, a Center Moriches culinary student at Suffolk County Community College, witnessed the stresses pandemic medical workers are enduring: his sister, Melissa, a 2017 Suffolk County Community College Nursing School graduate, is on the Coronavirus pandemic's frontline at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

"She was coming home exhausted and dejected. It was heartbreaking to me," Rangel said. "I decided I needed to do something."

That something? Baking. And lots of it.

Rangel spoke with his brother Jeremy, a fellow restaurant industry worker, who was able to help Justin purchase needed baking ingredients wholesale. And then the baking began.

Rangel worked through the night last Friday and delivered nearly 200 cookies to his sister at 5 am the next morning – a treat for her and her colleagues at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

"This was a great opportunity to give back to the frontline workers that are fighting for us each and every day," Rangel said. "I hope to do it again to express my thanks and appreciation."

"We're proud of Justin and his

selfless effort, and join him with our thanks to medical workers, first responders and all those on the frontline battle of the fight against the coronavirus and its spread," said Suffolk County Community College Interim President Louis Petrizzo.

"Justin is community-minded, focused, well-liked by his peers and working hard to learn and hone his craft," said Suffolk Culinary Arts Assistant Professor Richard Amster.

Rangel is not only a student – he will graduate from Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality program in August – but a committed chef and baker who practices his craft at home, as well as at The Halyard restaurant in Greenport where he works when not in class.

Learn more about Suffolk's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program at: <https://sunysuffolk.edu/explore-academics/majors-and-programs/culinary-arts/index.jsp>





**Melissa and Justin
taken pre-pandemic.**

