# Cooking Demonstration

# HOLIDAY MAKEOVER



## Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato Casserole

(Vegetarian and Gluten-Free)

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 lb butternut squash, peeled and cut into small chunks
- 1 lb sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into small • 1 cup candied chunks
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- 1 pinch nutmeg
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1/8 tsp smoked paprika
  - pecans, chopped

### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Heat a large pot of water over mediumhigh heat until boiling. Cook the butternut squash and sweet potatoes by either placing them in a steamer basket in the pot or placing directly into boiling water for 10 to 20 minutes. They're done when soft and can easily be pricked with a fork.
- 2. Carefully discard the boiling water. Using an immersion blender (or a regular
- blender), puree the cooked butternut squash and sweet potatoes until completely smooth.
- 3. Mix in butter, cinnamon, nutmeg, chili powder and smoked paprika. Taste and season with salt as needed.
- 4. Transfer mixture to a serving dish or serve directly from the pot. Top with chopped candied pecans and enjoy.

## Cauliflower Mashed "Potatoes"

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 large heads cauliflower, cut into florets
- 1 slice free-range bacon, diced
- 1 ½ tablespoons butter
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 scallion, sliced thin

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Place large pot or skillet with a fitted cover on stove top, add 1 to 2 inches of water (depending on size of pot), and set to medium-high heat. Place the cauliflower florets into a steamer basket, and lower into pot, making sure the water doesn't cover vegetables. Cover and cook until very tender (about 10 minutes).
- 2. Meanwhile, cook bacon on medium-high heat until crispy. Set aside on paper towels.
- 3. Once the cauliflower is easily pierced with a fork, remove hot florets from steamer, and place in a food processor.
- 4. Add butter to food processor, and blend until smooth. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove from food processor and place in a serving dish.
- 5. Sprinkle diced bacon and scallions on top, and enjoy hot.

## Healthy Holiday Pumpkin Pie

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 (15 oz) can pumpkin purée (NOT pie filling)
- ¾ cup nonfat milk
- ¼ cup plain nonfat Greek yogurt
- ¾ cup granulated Splenda (or granulated sugar)
- 2 egg whites, lightly beaten

- 2 tsp Truvia
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- Optional: If you can't do without a crust, add a whole wheat crust!

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F, and coat a 9"-round pie plate with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2. In a large bowl, stir together the pumpkin, milk, yogurt, Splenda, and Truvia. Mix in the remaining ingredients.
- 3. Pour mixture into the prepared pie plate, and bake for 35-40 minutes, or until the center barely jiggles when gently shaken.
- 4. Cool to room temperature on a wire rack, and chill at least 2 hours before serving.