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## **NEW YEAR, NEW BATCH OF TALENTED YOUNG BAKERS ON THE NEW SEASON OF *KIDS BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP***

**New Season Premieres on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

**New York – November 26, 2019** –**Valerie Bertinelli** and **Duff Goldman** return to test the skills of twelve new talented young bakers to see who will measure up on the new season of *Kids Baking Championship*, premiering on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT. Over the course of ten weeks, the kid bakers, ranging in age from 10 to 13, will whisk through new confectionery challenges. The one with the most delectable desserts will rise to the top and earn \$25,000, a feature in Food Network Magazine, and the title of Kids Baking Champion!

“The return of *Kids Baking Championship* is the sweetest way to kick off the New Year, as viewers delight in watching the competition together as a family,” said Courtney White, President, Food Network. “The new season promises more laughter and fun with Duff Goldman and Valerie Bertinelli, as well as impressive desserts from the kid bakers.”

Throughout the season, the kid contestants show off their creativity and baking talents in tough challenges that even seasoned experts would find difficult. From 3D dinosaur cookies, to Neapolitans desserts, to ice cream cone cupcakes, and trifles, they will be tested on their baking and decorating abilities to impress Duff and Valerie with the taste and presentation of their sweet treats. The bakers will also have to tackle other delectable desserts including creative fruit cakes, potato print cookies, and the classic dessert imposter challenge returns as well, with a new surprising twist.

On the premiere, Duff and Valerie take the bakers back to the groovy 1970s to test their cake decorating abilities by challenging them to create shag texture cakes. Each baker will select a cake flavor that they must bake from scratch before they can begin designing and decorating. The baker that crumbles under the pressure will be eliminated. On Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT, the championship concludes as one talented baker will take the cake and the prize in the grand finale.

*Kids Baking Championship* competitors include: **Liam Bizjack** (El Dorado Hills, CA; age 12), **Morgan Chaffin** (Glen Burnie, MD; age 11), **Anthony Fontanez** (Belmar, NJ; age 12), **Sahana Gade** (Sugar Land, TX; age 10), **Phoebe Gore** (New York, NY; age 11), **Sam Occhiogrosso** (West Hartford, CT; age 11), **Graysen Pinder** (Wilmington, NC; age 13), **Elise Sammis** (Chapin, SC; age 11), **Saleem Sandhu** (Yuba City, CA; age 12), **Avner Schwartz** (Haverford, PA; age 12), **Reggie Strom** (Bend, OR; age 12), and **Naima Winston** (Baltimore, MD; age 11).

Fans can relive the most dramatic, creative, and adorable moments with video and photo highlights at [FoodNetwork.com/KidsBakingChampionship](http://FoodNetwork.com/KidsBakingChampionship). Plus, go behind the scenes with Duff and Valerie, and discover more baking tips, and follow all the decadent action using #KidsBakingChampionship.

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