

Brookhaven Councilman Dan Panico and Town Board Honor Chopped Junior Champion Lauryn Mitchell of Center Moriches

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico and fellow Town Board members paid special recognition to Lauryn Mitchell at a recent Town Board meeting for securing the title of Champion on the Food Network’s cooking series “Chopped Junior,” which aired on July 5. The 5th grader from Center Moriches competed against three of her peers from all over the country in the grilling episode, in which each junior chef was tasked with preparing an appetizer, entrée and dessert, using secret ingredients. Lauryn wowed the judges with her ability to transform the ingredients of bison, Norwegian cod and grasshoppers, into three delicious dishes, and for her efforts, was awarded \$10,000 and an official “Chopped Junior” chef’s jacket. In addition to competing on “Chopped Jr.,”

Lauryn will also appear on Sesame Street this coming January, on the resurrected Wonderama that will air on national television this coming fall, and was featured in the magazine Girl Power. Lauryn is the younger sister of Kayla Mitchell, who competed on Master Chef Junior in 2015.

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