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ATHENS, Ohio– The Ohio University Spanish Club will host its first annual Tapas Night Chef Cook-off from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 at the United Methodist Church in Athens. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Athens County Food Pantry.

The Tapas Night Chef Cook-Off will feature a selection of appetizers from Athens-area restaurants. Guests will be able to sample each of the dishes and vote for their favorite at the end of the night. The winning chef will receive a prize package from local businesses.

This will be Spanish Club's first major community event.

"All of us in Spanish Club are extremely excited to present our first annual Tapas Night Chef Cook-off, a unique event where local businesses, community members, and students will come together, share a meal, and give back to our wonderful city," said Spanish Club President Grace Nelson.

Tickets for the event cost \$8 and will be available for presale May 8-10 from 2-4 p.m., and May 15-17 from 12-2 p.m. in the Ohio University Baker Center. Tickets will also be sold at the door. All money raised from the event will be donated to the Athens County Food Pantry.

"All proceeds will go directly to the Athens County Food Pantry, which we all see as a vital resource for our community," said Nelson. "We are anticipating a fantastic evening!"

The Athens County Food Pantry is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing free emergency food supplies for Athens County Residents. In a typical year the pantry distributes over 70,000 pounds of food to 10,000 residents.

For more information about the event or how to purchase a ticket, please contact Grace Nelson at gn336107@ohio.edu.

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