

Scottsdale Mom Hits the Small Screen

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She doesn't have her own restaurant, but she sure is impressing with her inventive eats. Paradise Valley's home cook, Erika Monroe-Williams, was chosen to be one of the 16 contestants on ABC's new cooking competition series, "The Taste." Monroe-Williams was chosen by Nigella Lawson after tasting Monroe-Williams' coriander-crusted tuna with coconut-lemongrass cream and a watermelon-mango salad. Lawson, along with the other mentors/judges featured on the series, Anthony Bourdain, Ludo Lefebvre and Searsucker's Brian Malarkey, will all coach a team of four competing pro and amateur cooks to create the best-tasting dish. In each episode, the groups will face team and individual challenges with a variety of culinary themes through several elimination rounds. At the end of each episode, the mentors will have to judge the dishes blind with no knowledge of whose creation they're sampling, what they're eating, how it was prepared or who they could be sending home. The winner of "The Taste" will receive an all-new 2013 Ford C-Max Hybrid and \$100,000 from Hellmann's/Best Foods.