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FOOD ICONS ANNE BURRELL AND RACHAEL RAY WHIP BRAND-NEW ROSTER OF COOKING-CHALLENGED STARS INTO CULINARY SHAPE IN RETURN OF *WORST COOKS IN AMERICA: CELEBRITY EDITION*

Eight-Episode Special Series Premieres Wednesday, September 14th at 9pm ET/PT

NEW YORK – August 15, 2016 – *Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity Edition* is back for a second helping with food masters **Anne Burrell** and **Rachael Ray** each leading a team of celebrity cooking disasters through an intense culinary boot camp where the most improved cook wins \$50,000 for their charity, as well as bragging rights for their team leader. The celebrity recruits are: **Mindy Cohn, Matt Dallas, Tommy Davidson, Barbara Eden, John Henson, Loni Love, Kenya Moore, Mike “The Situation” Sorrentino** and **Nicole Sullivan**. *Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity Edition* premieres Wednesday, September 14th at 9pm (all times ET/PT) and the winner is named during the season finale on Wednesday, November 2nd at 9pm.

“With Anne and Rachael at the helm of this star-studded cooking boot camp, the competition is fierce and the laughs are non-stop,” said Didi O’Hearn, Senior Vice President, Programming, Food Network & Cooking Channel. “The celebrities enter as comical kitchen disasters, and watching them gain culinary confidence is entertaining and ultimately inspiring.”

In the first episode, Anne and Rachael assess the skill of the recruits by having each celebrity cook a dish using some unique ingredients from Hollywood gift swag bags. Then, the recruits are taught to prepare a post-party simple steak and eggs dish, which proves to be much harder than expected for these clueless cooks. After Anne and Rachael pick teams, one celebrity is sent back to Tinsel Town and the recruits learn that boot camp is no walk down the red carpet. Upcoming episodes feature Oktoberfest-themed beer and sausage challenges, a Halloween Bloody Mary battle and the return of trivia game *Family Food*. Guests include last season’s *Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity Edition* winner **Jenni “Jwoww” Farley** and runner-up **Kendra Wilkinson**, television personality **Sara Gore** and Cooking Channel’s **Laura Vitale**.

Viewers can watch highlights, get culinary tips and find out more about their favorite recruits at FoodNetwork.com/WorstCooks. Join the star-studded conversation on Twitter using #WorstCooks.

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