Objective 1: To establish an aquaponics system to provide students with hands-on experiential learning in an organic, eco-friendly, self-sustaining farming practice.

Expected Impacts:
* Increase awareness of agricultural production
* New course materials including organic & sustainability
* Gainful employment for culinary grads in varied industries

225 EPCC Students & 100+ High School Students yearly

Objective 2: To incorporate the integration of an aquaponics system into the Culinary curriculum, two core Culinary Courses will be updated and enhanced during the first project year integrating eco-organic sustainable modern techniques.

Objective 3: To develop educational materials related to the aquaponics lab system to showcase as an educational laboratory and exhibit to public school students and the regional community as a whole.

Objective 4: Increase the number of Hispanic and other underrepresented students majoring in the food and agricultural sciences at EPCC by promoting the Culinary Arts and Related Sciences Program in innovative ways.

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