# **VEGGIE** MAC & CHEESE SCOOP with Lea

# Makes 12 Servings

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 cup whole grain bread crumbs
- 8 ounces of whole grain macaroni elbows
- 2 cups shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 cups mixed cheddar and mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup low fat milk
- 2 cups chopped broccoli, steamed
- 1 pound chopped asparagus, steamed
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered

baking pan with a nonstick spray and add 1/2 of the bread crumbs to the bottom of the baking dish. In a large pot, bring water to a boil over high heat. Add pasta and cook until tender (8-10 minutes). Drain and return to pot. While water is boiling, steam asparagus in microwave for 2-3 minutes, drain off water and rinse with cold water. Set aside and repeat these steps with the broccoli. Once pasta is drained, add cheese and stir to combine. If needed, add milk to mixture. Add asparagus and broccoli, gently pressing into mac & cheese. Add tomatoes and spread remaining bread crumbs on top. Bake in oven for 20-25 minutes or until warmed through.

### TIPS

- Serve with a lean protein such as chicken or fish.
- Reduce the fat by using a low fat or fat free cheese. It's okay to mix and match your cheese!

### **NUTRITION**

267 calories15 g protein12 g fat517 mg sodium24 g carbohydrate4 g fiber

