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2010 ACF National Conference

Celebrate culinary excellence with the American Academy of Chefs, the honor society of the American Culinary Federation, during the 2010 ACF National Convention.

Join us at the Anaheim Marriott on Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30pm.

For only $140, enjoy an amazing seven-course meal prepared by Executive Chef David Dulkis of the Anaheim Marriott and celebrate the induction of our new Fellows and award honorees!

Seating is limited, so please call (904) 484-0202 to make your reservation today. Submit a seating request.

First Annual Chef's Golf Classic
Join us as the Academy hosts its First Annual Chef's Golf Classic on Monday, August 2 at the beautiful Clubhouse at Anaheim Hills. For only $50 for ACF members and $150 for non-members, you get round-trip transportation from the Anaheim Marriott, continental breakfast, boxed lunch, range balls, golf cart (GPS equipped) AND and special Academy gift bag! There will be limited club rental available at $15 per person.

This is a great way to start the ACF National Convention. Register today to secure your spot! Download the form and mail with payment to the Academy National Office by July 1, 2010.

Check out our different sponsorship opportunities. Hole & Tee Sponsorship packages

For more information, contact Michelle Whitfield at (904) 484-0202 or Paul O'Toole at (610) 248-4790.

Harry Hoffstadt, Honorary Chairman

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Advertise in the Academy Dinner Journal

Bring your business recognition by advertising in our dinner journal. Chapters, this is an opportunity to congratulate new inductees, recognize Academy Fellows within your chapter, and promote your chapter and its accomplishments. Download and submit the form by May 15.

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2010 Central Regional Conference

The 2010 ACF Central Regional Conference was a huge success. I want to especially thank Regional Vice President David Russell, CEC, AAC, and the ACF Greater Indianapolis Chapter for hosting such a great event. They truly went above and beyond to make this one of the best conferences.

A huge thank you to Executive Chef Joe Miller and the Meridian Hills Country Club for hosting a sold-out Academy Dinner on Saturday, March 27. Everything was amazing and executed to absolute perfection.

Congratulations to all the all the award recipients and honorees! The Academy presented the Student Team winner - ACF Louis Joliet Chapter, Joliet Junior College - with a $1,000 grant to assist in the cost of travelling to National Convention.

Congratulations to the following Fellows:

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• ACF Central Region President's Medallions  
  Charles Duit, CEC, AAC

• Cutting Edge Awards  
  Kelly Cook, CEC, AAC  
  Rajeev Patgaonkar, CEC, AAC

• Rene Roncari Senior Chef Humanitarian Award  
  Bernard Urban, CEC, AAC

• One-Pot Win A Lot, Sponsored by Riviana  
  Robert Stricklin, CEC, AAC

A special congratulations to the following Fellows for winning at the Regional level and good luck at National Convention!

• ACF Central Region Chef of the Year Award Winner  
  J. Kevin Storm, CEC, CCA, AAC

• ACF Central Region Hermann G. Rusch Chef's Achievement Award Winner  
  Gregory Wozniak, CEC, AAC

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**2010 Southeast Regional Conference**

The ACF Regional Event Series ended in Birmingham, Ala. with the 2010 ACF Southeast Regional Conference. Chef Stafford did a great job representing the Academy on my behalf. Regional Vice President Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC, and the ACF Birmingham Alabama Chapter did an outstanding job hosting the event.

A special thank you to Executive Chef Chris Kennedy and The Club for hosting an amazing Academy Dinner on Sunday, April 25. It was an unforgettable evening with amazing food and a beautiful, historic venue.

Contragulations to all the award recipients and honorees! The Academy presented the Student Team winner - ACF Chefs of the Low Country, Savannah Technical College - with a $1,000 grant to assist in the cost of travelling to National Convention.

Congratulations to the following Fellows:

• ACF Southeast Region President's Medallions  
  Anthony Lauri, CEC, AAC  
  David Pantone, CEC, CEPC, CCE, AAC

• Joseph Amendola Outstanding Member Award  
  Jeffrey Rotz, CEC, CCE, AAC

• One-Pot Win A Lot, sponsored by Riviana  
  Louis Chatham, CEC, AAC

A special congratulations to the following Fellows for winning at the Regional level and good luck at National Convention!

• ACF Southeast Region Hermann G. Rusch Chef's Achievement Award Winner  
  Donald McMillan, CEC, AAC
New Academy Merchandise!

Try your hand at **Pinochle** and purchase a card deck in a beautiful tin box with the AAC logo. Showcase your prestigious membership in our honor society with these new AAC **metal license plates and signs**. Check out the [store](#) for these and other great gift ideas.

This **commemorative coin** makes the perfect gift for any occasion. One side shows the Academy logo and the reverse shows the Hall of Fame logo. The coin is minted by Osborne Coinage Co, America's oldest private mint. It contains one troy ounce of .999 fine silver and measures 39 mm in diameter and comes in a blue velour jewelry box. Limited supply. [Order now](#).

2010 Award Recipients

**Chair's Medal**
*John Kaufman, CEC, AAC*, retired, Chicago, ACF Chicago Chefs of Cuisine Inc.

**Joseph Amendola Award**
*John Hui, CEPC, AAC*, corporate pastry chef, Pebble Beach Resorts, Pebble Beach, Cali., ACF Chefs Las Vegas

**Chef Good Taste Award**
*Friedrich Gitschner, CMC, AAC*, chef owner, Gitschner's Productions, Houston, ACF Professional Chefs Association of Houston

**Lawrence A. Conti, CEC, AAC, HOF, Chair’s Achievement Award**
*Anthony Graffeo, CEC, AAC*, retired executive chef, Saugus, Mass., ACF Epicurean Club of Boston

**Sharing Culinary Traditions Award**
*Michael Garbin, CEC, AAC*, executive chef, Union League Club of Chicago, Chicago, ACF Wind City Professional Culinarians Inc.

**John D. McLaughlin Award**
*Roland Schaeffer, CEC, AAC, HOF*, retired, St. Augustine, Fla., ACF Pittsburgh Chapter

2010 Hall of Fame Inductees


**Jim Douglas, CEC, CCE, AAC**, retired, Marysville, Wash., ACF Washington State Chefs Association

**Bernard Urban, CEC, AAC**, chef ambassador, Ben E. Keith Foods, Houston, Texas Chefs Association

**Honorary HOF Induction**
*Frederick Dame, HAAC, HBOT*, Director, Icon Estates Wine, San Francisco

**Posthumous HOF Induction**
*Noel Cullen, CMC, AAC*, deceased, Past President, American Culinary Federation
2010 Academy Candidates for Induction

The following chefs have been tentatively accepted for induction into the American Academy of Chefs:

**Central Region**

Glenn S. Brown, CEC, ACF Greater Indianapolis Chapter  
*Sponsors:* Ralph Comstock, CEC, AAC; Paul O'Toole, CEC, AAC

Hubert Schmieder, ACF Greater Indianapolis Chapter

Robert A. Walter, CEC, CCA, ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians Inc.  
*Sponsors:* Michael Garbin, CEC, AAC; Reimund Pitz, CEC, CCE, AAC

Mark E. Webster, CEC, CCE, ACF Greater Kansas City Chefs Association  
*Sponsors:* Jill K. Bosich, CEC, CCE, AAC; Patrick J. Sweeney, CEC, AAC

Robert J. White, CEC, CCA, ACF West Michigan Lakeshore Chapter  
*Sponsors:* Timothy L. England, CEC, AAC; Rejeev V. Patgaonkar, CEC, AAC

**Northeast Region**

Theodore A. Kowalski, CEC, ACF Philadelphia Chapter  
*Sponsors:* Manfred W. Bast, CMPC, CEC, AAC, HOF; William J. Tillinghast, CEC, AAC

Willie Lewis, CEC, ACF Professional Chefs Association of South Jersey  
*Sponsors:* Dan D'Angelo, CEC, AAC; Frederick A. Parmenter, CEC, CCE, AAC

Thomas J. Pepka, CEC, ACF Pittsburgh Chapter  
*Sponsors:* Richard Chene, CEC, AAC; William M. Hunt, CEC, CCE, AAC

C. David Wolf, CEC, ACF Columbus Chapter  
*Sponsors:* James L. Decker, CEC, AAC; James R. Taylor, CEC, AAC, MBA

**Southeastern Region**

David S. Bearl, CCC, CCE, ACF St. Augustine Chapter  
*Sponsors:* Louis S. Chatham, CEC, AAC; Frederik L. Lucardie, CEC, AAC

Christopher F. Donato, CEC, ACF Inc. Charlotte Chapter  
*Sponsors:* Wolfgang Bierer, CMPC, CEC, CCE, AAC; John W. Kaufmann, CFE, CEC, AAC

Hilmar B. Jonsson, CEC, ACF Virginia Chefs Association  
*Sponsors:* David J. Longstaff, CEC, AAC; Roland E. Schaeffer, CEC, AAC, HOF

Eric J. Karell, CEC, ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter Inc.  
*Sponsors:* Michael Deihl, CEC, CCA, AAC; Charles A. Vosburgh, CEC, AAC

Christopher M. McCook, CEC, Classic City Chefs and Cooks Association  
*Sponsors:* Elizabeth A. Baase, CEC, AAC; Steve Barron, CEC, AAC

Mark D. Veomett, CEC, Old Dominion ACF Chapter  
*Sponsors:* Rene Marquis, CEC, CCE, PCEC, CCA, AAC; Thomas F. Recinella, CEC, AAC

**Western Region**

Raymond A. Delfino, CEC, CCA, ACF Chefs de Cuisine of the Inland Northwest  
*Sponsors:* Harry Brockwell, CEC, AAC; Michael Ty, CEC, AAC

Douglas A. Fisher, CEC, CCE, ACF Chefs de Cuisine of the Inland Northwest  
*Sponsors:* Patricia Curfman, CEC, CEPC, AAC; John R. Fisher, CEC, CCE, AAC
EURO MID Culinary Symposium "Essence of Greatness" presented by SYSCO June 7, 2010 at River Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas
hosted by Charles Carroll, CEC, AAC

Highlights include:

- Celebrity speakers include five culinary icons - Norman Van Aken, Robert Del Grande, Dean Fearing, Rick Tramonto and WACS President Chef Gissur Gudmundsson
- Keynote speaker - heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman
- Inspirational speaker Bryan Dodge
- Proceeds will benefit the George Foreman Youth Center

For more information, download the flyer here or go to www.culinaryleadership.com.
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