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## **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHEFS ANNOUNCES JULIA CHILD, CHAIR'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Nov. 8, 2005 – The American Academy of Chefs (AAC), the honor society of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), recently announced the recipients of its 2005 Julia Child Memorial and Chair's scholarships.

Ten recipients out of nearly 100 applicants were selected to receive the scholarships. The Julia Child scholarship recipients included: Shekinah Brensdal of Renton Technical College in Renton, Wash.; Heather Diedrick of The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Jennifer Grubbs of the Florida Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach, Fla.; Vyacheslav Panayev of Community College of Philadelphia in Philadelphia; and Julie Thompson of Scottsdale Culinary Institute in Scottsdale, Ariz. The Chair's scholarship recipients were: Erin Chittum of Columbus State Community College in Columbus, Ohio; Avaceli Landecho of Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Ore.; David Lieberman of Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, N.C.; Susan Parana of Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Punxsutawney, Penn.; and Kelly Vincent of Le Cordon Bleu of Culinary Arts-Atlanta in Tucker, Ga.

For scholarship consideration, applicants must be enrolled in an accredited, full-time, two- or four-year culinary program. In addition, they must have completed at least one grading period at the culinary school for which the scholarship is intended, as well as submit an official transcript and two letters of recommendation from industry and/or culinary professionals.

“It is the Academy's goal to promote the education of future culinarians,” said AAC National Chair John Minniti, CCE, AAC. “It is through the support of so many AAC Fellows that we are able to award these scholarships to undergraduate culinary students, thereby helping to achieve our mission.”

The American Culinary Federation, Inc. (ACF), established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in America. With nearly 18,000 members and 240 chapters nationwide, ACF offers educational resources, training, professional certification, apprenticeship and accreditation programs. In addition, the ACF is the presidium for the World Association of Cooks Societies (WACS), the international network of chefs associations, with more than eight million members globally. For more information, please visit [www.acfchefs.org](http://www.acfchefs.org).

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