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American Culinary Federation Presents President’s Medallions at 2010 ACF Western Regional Conference

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., February 9, 2010—Three President’s Medallions were awarded by the American Culinary Federation, Inc., (ACF) at the 2010 ACF Western Regional Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, Albuquerque, N.M., Feb. 6-8.

ACF President’s Medallions were presented by Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, ACF national president, and Western Region Vice President William Franklin, CMC, AAC, to ACF members who exemplify culinary excellence and leadership. The recipients have contributed their knowledge, skills and expertise to the advancement of the culinary profession.

ACF President’s Medallions
Richard Burr, CEC, of McMinnville, Ore., executive chef, Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, Ore.; ACF Chefs de Cuisine Society of Oregon
John Hui, CEPC, AAC, of Carmel, Calif., corporate pastry chef, Pebble Beach Resorts, Pebble Beach, Calif.; ACF Chefs Las Vegas
Richard Schneider, CMC, AAC, of Las Vegas, retired; ACF Philadelphia Chapter

Chosen for its New Mexican cuisine, scenic beauty and entertainment options, Albuquerque was the location of the 2010 ACF Western Regional Conference hosted by ACF Rio Grande Valley Chapter. Bringing chefs, cooks and foodservice professionals to the city, the conference provided attendees with opportunities to advance their professional development and enhance their culinary skills through business seminars, cooking demonstrations featuring the latest trends and techniques, cooking competitions and awards.

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The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 22,000 members spanning 230 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States. ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

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