



December 2019



Greetings American Academy of Chefs Fellows!

Well, December, as well as winter (up this way anyhow), have certainly arrived and the holidays are now upon us. On behalf of Joe and myself, I would like to wish each and every one of you the very best of this special season, as well as a healthy, prosperous year ahead. As we all do every year, our industry gears up to help others in celebrating the holidays, but please remember

to take time out of your busy schedules to enjoy special time with family and friends.

Sincere appreciation is being sent to the all who have assisted with the nomination of chefs for Fellowship into the Academy. This year we were pleased to learn that over 30 chefs had first time inquiries regarding the steps necessary in becoming a Fellow and we also know that others have been reviewing the application in preparation for 2021. I am happy to report that over 25 applications were sent to prospective 2020 Fellows and as I write this, the completed applications are being sent to the AAC office for review by Joe and I in January.

By now many of you have received our annual letter and Joe and I would like to express thanks to those of you who have been sending in donations along with some fine letters of support. As you know the Academy does not require annual dues, therefore, these funds are the main financial source for the operation of the AAC. Without

your support, we would not be able to accomplish the work that we do, so again many thanks for all of the support that you lend so generously to the AAC.

We send congratulations to Chef John Folse, CEC, AAC, HOF, HBOT, who will be honored next month with the "Ella Brennan Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality Award", to be held at the Ritz-Carlton, in New Orleans on Wednesday January 29, 2020.

I am pleased to announce that our two regional and national dinner locations have both been set. Our event in Nashville will be hosted at The Westin Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee and The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Seattle, Washington will host our dinner there. Please note that tickets are available for Seattle ChefConnect, so feel free to contact Karen at the AAC office for those. ChefConnect Nashville will be available shortly.

Looking ahead to our national convention this year, it is exciting that we may all look forward to a celebration of the 65th anniversary of the AAC, which will be hosted by the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas. Joe, Karen and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming dinners. Again, enjoy the holidays!

Warm Regards,
Rico

Rico DiFronzo, CEC®, CCA®, AAC®
Chair, American Academy of Chefs

AAC Applications

Congratulations

to all those chefs that have submitted their applications for acceptance into the American Academy of Chefs. Announcements will be made in February 2020.

It's never too early to get started!!

2020 American Academy of Chefs Applications *Membership - Connection - Involvement*

The "Prestigious Honor Society" of the American Culinary Federation offers a unique way to honor those who have worked hard and risen through the ranks of the culinary field. A successful application for acceptance as an AAC Fellow will serve as the culmination of years of involvement in the grand profession, and as an ACF member.

An Academy Fellow must request an application for an individual potential inductee. Candidates will need two sponsor letters/letters of recommendation from voting Academy Fellows. An Academy Fellow is permitted to sponsor **one** new applicant per year, as is a Regional Director. Applications must be returned by December 1st, 2020. Induction will be at the 2021 ACF National Convention in Orlando, FL.

For guidelines on how to obtain an application form for a potential nominee, go



May the holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter

On behalf of Chef Rico DiFronzo, Chef Joe Aiello, the AAC Board, Committees and Staff, we wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season filled with family, friends and time to be grateful together.

Upcoming Events



Get your tickets now

ChefConnect Seattle

American Academy of Chefs Dinner & Reception

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

6:00 – 10:00pm

Tickets \$150.00 per person

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

Seating is limited!!

Open to all

Enjoy an evening of good food and great friends. Executive Chef Jesse Olsen and his culinary team will provide an amazing menu for the Academy guests at The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. Guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening of

flavor that will inspire your senses.



ChefConnect: Seattle 2020

Sunday, March 01, 2020 to Tuesday,
March 03, 2020
Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
Seattle, Washington

ChefConnect: Nashville 2020

Sunday, March 22, 2020 to Tuesday,
March 24, 2020
Nashville, Tennessee
Sheraton Music City Hotel

AAC Dinner details coming soon!

QUICKLY APPROACHING!!!!
Early Bird Rate Deadline:
December 13, 2019



Start planning your trip to next years AAC Dinner in Dallas,
TX. Don't miss out on the fun. It promises to be a
memorable experience!!!!

AAC 65th Anniversary

National Convention Dallas 2020

Sunday, July 19, 2020 to Thursday, July 23, 2020
Hilton Anatole

Early Bird Rate Deadline: March 16 2020

An evening honoring

Chef John Folse, CEC, AAC, HOF, HBOT



Congratulations Chef Folse from the American Academy of Chefs

2019 In Memoriam

The American Academy of Chefs in Grateful Recognition for the significant impact our fellows have made to improve the academy.
We will never forget your dedication and commitment.

Jiri A. Bar, AAC
Michel D. Bouit, CEC, AAC, HOF
Timothy J. Cleary, CEC, AAC
Daniel D'Angelo, CEC, AAC
John Ditcheos, CEC, AAC
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Pam J. Price, CEC, AAC
Bruce Riddell, CEC, AAC, HOF
Rudi Schoeneweiss, AAC
John C. Struzik, CEC, AAC
Rolf C. Tinner, AAC
Carl Wendt, AAC

"Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts."

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Many of our Members have annual dues coming up during this last quarter of the year, but to avoid the year end rush, please do not hesitate to process these early.

When you are paying your Membership Dues, please think about making a donation to the American Academy of Chefs.

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**All donations for the 2019 tax year must be received by
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