

Academy Connection



January / February 2024



Greetings Chef,

I trust this message finds you well. As we embark on a new year, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a happy and prosperous 2024. I am eager to witness the continued growth and success of the Academy during the upcoming months.

To kick off the year, our focus turns to planning for our annual meeting and dinner at the ACF convention in Phoenix scheduled for July 14th through the 17th. Additionally, we are in the process of preliminarily approving new inductees for the 2024 year.

Details regarding the annual AAC dinner are outlined below, and I kindly request that you make your reservations at your earliest convenience. Considering the high demand for hotel rooms during the convention, prompt action is advisable.

To ensure a thorough review of all applications, a meeting has been scheduled at the office with our Vice Chair, Chef Reimund D. Pitz, CEC, CCE, AAC, HOF and Karen Stamper, our Administrative Assistant. Following this process, we will promptly publicize the names of the successful applicants.

This year, a special event took place in mid-January due to unique circumstances. Our AAC Ambassador and past Chair of the Academy of Chefs, Chef Americo "Rico" S. DiFronzo, CEC, CCA, AAC, had the honor of inducting Chef Keith A. Boston, CEC as an Honorary Fellow. The AAC Medal was presented during the ceremony, which was held at Brady's Restaurant in Leominster, MA, graciously hosted by Chef Bill Brady.

I extend my congratulations and warm welcome to Chef Boston as he joins the esteemed Academy of Chefs as an Honorary Fellow. We appreciate your presence at this special AAC event, recognizing Chef Boston's induction.

Chef Boston expressed his gratitude for the advance ceremony, allowing for accommodation of his health concerns. My sincere thanks to all the chefs and participants who contributed to making this event memorable for our colleague and Fellow, Chef Keith Boston.



The picture of all the AAC Fellows from left to right are as follows: James Connolly, CEC, CCA, AAC, James V. Dimarzio, CEC, AAC, Joseph M. Allison, CEC, AAC, Keith A. Boston, CEC, HAAC, Rico DiFronzo, CEC, CCA, AAC, Timothy J. Foley, HAAC, Ray J. McCue, CEC, AAC and John R. DiSessa, CEC, AAC

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Joe Aiello

Joe G. Aiello, CEC, AAC, HOF
Chair, American Academy of Chefs

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!

Tickets for the Annual American Academy of Chef Induction Dinner and Reception are now on sale!!

American Academy of Chefs Induction Dinner
Hilton Phoenix Resort at the Peak
Tuesday, July 16, 2024
6:00pm – 10:00pm
\$195.00 per ticket
Transportation will be provided.
Formal attire is requested.

To purchase tickets, [click here](#) or contact Karen Stamper, AAC Administrator at (904) 484-0202



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2024 American Academy of Chefs Applications

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Thank you to all the Academy Fellows who nominated, mentored and supported this year's applicants.

Congratulations to those who completed their Academy applications. The review process will begin shortly. Announcements will be made in Late February.


It is never too early to start working on your AAC Application. The 2025 application process will begin in February 2024 for induction at the 2025 ACF National Convention.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Stamper, American Academy of Chefs Administrator at kstamper@acfchefs.org

We would love to hear from you!

We would like to hear what great things our Academy Fellows are doing. Email Karen Stamper, Executive Assistant and Special Projects Manager at kstamper@acfchefs.org with events, pictures and acknowledgements about AAC Fellows and we will post in the monthly Academy Connection.

UPCOMING EVENTS




*American Academy of Chefs
and
Baltimore
Chaine des Rotisseurs
Dinner*

Friday, April 19, 2024
5:30 p.m. cocktails • 6:00 p.m. dinner


**A Celebration of
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