



ACCREDITATION NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023

Greetings All!

Each fall term brings new students, fresh ideas, and grand hopes for the upcoming year. We here on the Accrediting Commission and our gurus in the Accrediting office, Michelle Whitfield and Dana Nagy-Baldwin share your excitement and wish you all the best!

We are growing!

Our family of accredited programs anticipates some significant growth in the near future. With that growth, we have realized the need for an updated, automated system to manage all the information we keep on file, including self-studies, program updates, and annual reports. The office team conducted research and found the WEAVE platform best suits the needs of the Commission. More information will be forthcoming on rollout dates and training using the platform.

Be on the lookout for scholarships and grants exclusively for accredited programs and their students from the Commission coming soon. The final details are being hashed out. These opportunities are our way of adding more value to your accreditation status by improving programs and the education of your students and graduates.

During this year, we have installed new members to the Commission and are thrilled by the vibrancy, thoughtfulness, and ingenuity they have brought to the team. The Commission is poised to successfully grow. We are delighted to have you all along from the journey!

Culinary Regards,

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Call for Applications
ACFEF Accrediting Commission
Educator and Industry Positions

**Annual Fee
Reminder**

Are you passionate about education and committed to making a positive impact in the industry? As a commission member, you will have the opportunity to work alongside like-minded individuals and contribute to Accreditation's mission and goals.

Please review the qualifications and responsibilities in the [policies and procedures](#).

If you are interested, please [submit your application](#) by Dec. 31, 2023.

Program coordinators, please be on the lookout for your annual fee invoice.

If you did not receive one in the mail, please send an email to accreditation@acfcchefs.org.

Update to Policies and Procedures

The ACFEF AC policies and procedures were recently reviewed and updated by the Accrediting Commission to clarify the roles and responsibilities of commission members and site visit evaluators, add a section about meetings, and modify the grievance policy.

The updated version can be found on the ACF website under www.acfcchefs.org/accreditation.



New Accreditation Platform

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!!! The ACFEF AC has purchased an innovative accreditation software thru Weave. Weave's accreditation software is uniquely designed for higher education leaders

to prepare for their programmatic accreditations. Weave helps institutions, programs, and accrediting bodies by simplifying the process for both institutional and programmatic effectiveness, including accreditation, assessment, analytics, rubrics, curriculum mapping, strategic planning, program review, faculty credentials, and professional development.

You will soon have ONE place to complete and submit your annual reports, self-studies and any changes pertaining to your program.

Please watch your emails for information pertaining to the roll out of this new platform. If you are a Fall 2024 renewal and have an interest in becoming a pilot program for the new self-study, please let Accreditation Program Administrator Dana Baldwin know at dbaldwin@acfcchefs.org.

Market Your ACFEF Accreditation Status

Please remember to proudly display your ACFEF AC accreditation by using your well-earned DIGITAL BADGE.

You should have received an email from Credly containing your ACFEF AC Accreditation badge along with instructions for download and usage. If you haven't received your badge, please check your junk mail or contact accreditation@acfcchefs.org.



New and Renewed Grants of Accreditation

The following programs were issued ACFEF AC grants of accreditation at the July 2023 meeting. Many thanks to the schools for the hard work put forth in preparing for their site

visit, their hospitality and willingness to educate their students at the highest level of culinary education.

Postsecondary

- Alamance Community College
- Allegany College - *Initial*
- Bellingham Technical College
- BHMS-Business & Hotel Management School
- Brightwater, Center for the Study of Food at NWACC - *Exemplary*
- Chippewa Valley Technical College - *Exemplary*
- College of DuPage
- Culinary Institute of Michigan, Muskegon Campus
- Des Moines Area Community College
- Grayson College - *Exemplary*
- Henry Ford College - *Exemplary*
- Hillsborough Community College
- Hocking College
- HRC Culinary Academy
- IUP Academy of Culinary Arts - *Exemplary*
- Lincoln Culinary Institute, Shelton
- Niagara Falls Culinary Institute - *Exemplary*
- Reynolds (J. Sargeant) Community College
- San Jacinto College, North
- Skagit Valley College
- West Virginia Northern Community College

Secondary

- Arlington Career Center - *Initial*
- Bladensburg High School
- Crossland High School
- Indiana County Tech Center - *Exemplary*
- McCann Technical School
- Tri Tech Skills Center - *Exemplary*
- Worcester Technical High School - *Exemplary*

SAVE THE DATE July 14-17, 2023, Phoenix

ACF Culinary Educator Summit - July 14, 2024

Make plans to attend the ACF Culinary Educator Summit on July 14, 2024!

Last year, we challenge both new and more seasoned culinary educators to expand their areas of expertise while sharing their passion for teaching future chefs and cooks. Join us for a full day of demonstrations, panel discussions and seminars on topics such as curriculum design and technology in the kitchen classroom.



This Summit precedes the [2024 ACF National Convention](#) but is not part of the Convention. Registration is separate for the Summit. View highlights from [previous ACF Mastercraft Summits](#).

ACF Knowledge Bowl Competition

Showcase your school's culinary program at the 2024 ACF Knowledge Bowl Competition during the ACF National Convention.

Student teams compete in a "Jeopardy"-style competition with questions covering topics on cooking techniques, nutrition, baking/pastry and safety/sanitation.



The 2024 rules and guideline will be released Nov. 15 on www.acfchefs.org/knowledgebowl.

"I know that our students are very proud of participating in the Knowledge Bowl, and I believe that it instills a work ethic and confidence in them that they might not get otherwise."
~Meghan Roddy, CEPC, coach, Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah



ACFEF Accrediting Commission

The ACFEF Accrediting Commission members are elected to serve YOU, the schools and program coordinators. Please feel free to reach out to members of the Commission at any time with questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions. The ACFEF AC thanks each of you for the hard work and dedication you, the educators, put forth in teaching, training and mentoring our future.

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