



ACCREDITATION NEWSLETTER *SPRING 2023*

Greetings All!

I am Alexander Bladowski, the new Chair of the Accrediting Commission. Much like yourselves, I am a culinary arts instructor who is proud of my school's accreditation with the ACFEF AC. My students are equally proud of the status, prestige, and benefits realized because of the hard work our faculty and staff have put in to attain the honor of accreditation. I am confident you and your students are just as proud. Congratulations to those who renewed their grants during our recent meeting in January! And a huge WELCOME to those who received their initial grant of accreditation!

The Commission is working on initiatives to further develop the value of your accreditation. We are working out the details of mini grants to assist with issues of gaining or maintaining accreditation status. Please keep an eye out for more information.

The Secondary Committee has been hard at work hashing out challenges some of you have had during the COVID years. Health inspections, even in the best of times, can be sporadic. We have stories of programs going a couple years without a visit from their local authority. The Committee has come up with an alternative for health inspections, and the commission has voted to adopt this for postsecondary institutions as well. Details will be included in forthcoming self-studies.

Accreditation happens because of you! If you are interested in becoming a site evaluator, please [submit the form](#) and get yourself on the list of dedicated educators keen on assisting programs attain or maintain the high standard of education that accreditation brings. Alexis O'Daniel looks forward to adding your name to her list of upcoming visits!

Thank you for your support of the Commission! I look forward to serving you and your students' interests in the coming years.

Culinary Regards,

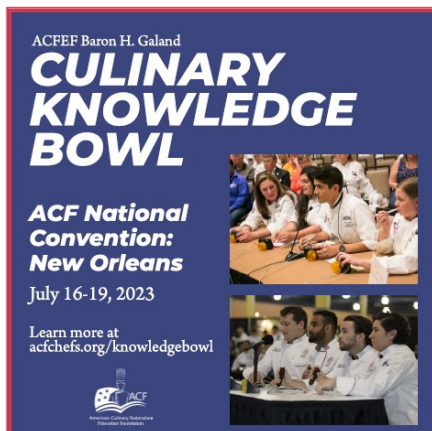
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Annual Program Updates Due 4/30

As part of the continual monitoring of your program by the ACFEF Accrediting Commission, your accredited programs have an **Annual Program Update due to the ACF National Office by April 30, 2023**. The ACFEF Annual Program Update link can be found on the ACF Website using www.acfchefs.org clicking EDUCATION on the light blue bar and then EARN ACCREDITATION. The Annual report is listed under DOCUMENTS.



Open Annual Report Form



Showcase Your School's Culinary Program

Compete to become the next national champion in the 2023 ACF Culinary Knowledge Bowl! Teams compete in a "Jeopardy"-style competition with questions covering topics such as cooking techniques, nutrition, baking, and safety/sanitation. [Click here to learn more](#) and register your team today! The deadline to apply is May 15.

Win a Grant! The American Academy of Chefs support students and is offering:

- Highest scoring student team: \$2,000
- Second highest scoring student team: \$1,500
- Third highest scoring student team: \$1,000

Register Today!

Group Certification Applications

Program coordinators of ACFEF-accredited programs no longer need to provide a transcript when applying for certification for their students using the new group form. By submitting the form, program coordinators are attesting that the students meet the qualifications for certifications and will graduate from the program with a passing grade. The form is available on the [Student Certification page](#) or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



Looking for an End-Of-Year Assessment?

Students can earn an additional ACF credential by taking an online written exam for the [Certificate of Culinary Essentials](#) / [Baking and Pastry Essential](#). Additionally, ACF has online written exams for every certification level available to ACFEF-accredited programs at a discounted price. Send an email to educate@acfchefs.org if you are interested in learning more about these options.

New Digital Forms

The ACFEF AC self-study is now electronic. No more sending and receiving flash drives or hyperlinking!



Once your ACFEF AC renewal application is received (which is also electronic!), you will be sent the JotForm link to the newly updated ACFEF AC Self-study. Once complete, your submission and required evidence of compliance will come directly to the ACF National Office where it will be forwarded to your evaluation team for review.

Scholarships and Grants

Student Scholarship Opportunities

Deadline for the next ACFEF Scholarships is 4/30. Please encourage your students to apply at

www.acfchefs.org/scholarships.



Healthy Eating Grants

Deadline to apply for grant funding to support nutrition outreach activities is 3/31. Grant opportunities are available for events (i.e. cooking demonstrations, tastings), as well as programs (i.e. after-school programs, cooking classes). Grant funds can be used to purchase food, supplies and incentives for the planned activity. [Learn more.](#)

ACF Culinary Educator Summit

In a supportive and collaborative environment, we'll 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 day of demonstrations, panel discussions and seminars, on topics such as curriculum design, culinary competitions, creating advisory boards, mental wellness, industry certifications, and technology in the kitchen classroom.

With sessions designed specifically to encourage networking and knowledge sharing between instructors, you'll make new connections as we explore new techniques and actionable strategies which can be implemented as you continue to train and inspire our future work-ready culinarians. You don't want to miss presentations focused on education best practices being utilized by your colleagues at programs across the country!

Sunday, July 16, 2023

9 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

[New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center](#)

This Summit precedes the [2023 ACF National Convention](#) but is not part of the Convention. Registration is separate for the Summit.

[Register Today](#)

New and Renewed Grants of Accreditation

Postsecondary

- Guam Community College- *Exemplary*
- Institute Of Technology, Modesto
- Ivy Tech Community College, North Central – *Exemplary*
- Joliet Junior College- *Exemplary*
- Keiser University, Melbourne- *Exemplary*
- Pellissippi State Community College
- Pennsylvania College of Technology- *Exemplary*

- Renton Technical College
- Salt Lake Community College- *Exemplary*
- South Puget Sound Community College
- Tarrant College- *Exemplary*
- University of Alaska, Anchorage- *Exemplary*
- Wake Technical College

Secondary

- District 51 Career Center- *Initial*
- Gwynn Park High School- *Exemplary*
- Houston County Career Academy- *Initial*
- Jordan Vocational High School
- Newton College and Career Academy
- Westerly High School

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Join Us in **NEW ORLEANS**

ACF National Convention
New Orleans Ernest N. Morial
Convention Center
July 17-19, 2023

Board of Governors' Meeting | July 16, 2023
Register now at [ACFchefs.org/Convention](https://www.acfchefs.org/Convention).

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