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American Academy of Chefs Announce 2022 Inductees

AAC inductees and Honorary Inductees were Celebrated at the ACF National Convention in Las Vegas in July

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. – August 5, 2022 — The American Academy of Chefs (AAC), the honor society of the American Culinary Foundation (ACF), announced 12 new inductees and six Honorary AAC inductees at a private dinner and reception, held on Tuesday, July 26, at Caesars Forum in Las Vegas.

The AAC represents the highest standards of professionalism in the organization, society and industry. The Academy's primary mission is to promote the education of all culinarians by mentoring culinarians, awarding scholarships to students, and by providing grants to professional working chefs looking to further their career.

The following were inducted into the AAC during the 2022 ACF National Convention in Las Vegas last week:

- Richard Brumm, CEC, CCA, ACF Caxambas Chapter of Southwest Florida
- Adolfo Cabrera, CEC, CCA, ACF Chefs Association of Southern Arizona Tucson
- Kevin Charles Doherty, CEC, CCA, ACF Epicurean Club of Boston
- Jason A. Jones, CEC, ACF Idaho Chefs de Cuisine
- Jerald "LJ" Klinkenberg, CEC, CCA, ACF Chefs de Cuisine of the Inland Northwest
- Jason E. Knapp, CEC, CCA, ACF Columbus Chapter
- Greg Matchett, CEC, ACF Pikes Peak Chapter
- Widjiono Purnomo, CEC, ACF Capital District - Central New York
- Lenard R. Rubin, CEC, CCA, ACF Chef's Association of Arizona
- Matthew D. Schellig, CEC, CEPC, CCE, CCA, ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association
- Christopher Sowa, CEC, ACF West Michigan Lakeshore Chapter
- Lisa D. Tomecek, CEPC, ACF Greater Baltimore Chapter

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The following were inducted into the HAAC during convention:

- Greg Beachey, CCC, ACF South Bend Chefs and Cooks Association
- John R. Coletta, National Member
- Joanne Madura, ACF Chicago Chefs
- Ryan Marquis, Canadian Culinary Federation, National President
- Andre Rush, Old Dominion ACF Chapter
- William Schutz, ACF Chicago Chefs

Next year's AAC reception and dinner will take place on Monday, July 16, 2023, ahead of the annual ACF National Convention in New Orleans. Register to attend on the ACF website, acfchefs.org/events.

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About the American Culinary Federation

The American Culinary Federation, Inc. (ACF), established in 1929, is the standard of excellence for chefs in North America. With more than 12,000 members spanning more than 170 chapters nationwide, ACF is the leading culinary association offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and programmatic accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States, with the Certified Executive Chef®, Certified Sous Chef®, Certified Executive Pastry Chef® and Certified Culinary Educator® designations accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions, and to Chef & Child, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org. Find ACF on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and digital publications hub WeAreChefs.com.