A Message from Your Region Vice President

Dear Chef,

It's been awhile since I have been able to address all of you, and it seems like so much has gone on since then. We are coming to the close of an amazing summer, and many changes that started then are now moving into place. I was glad to be able to see so many of our great chefs and educators over the last months as I traveled through five states and attended many events. I hope those of you who were able to make it to ACF National Convention enjoyed it and got as much out of it as I did.

We saw a peek at national convention of how we are all making changes to better our product, not only to appeal to and attract new chefs, but to support and educate our current members, as well. The convention was full of seminars, new products and innovative chefs. If you came for the Greater Kansas City Chefs Association BBQ Competition, you weren't disappointed, either, because the local competition was a great start to our event.

I want to thank Texas Chefs Association (TCA) for their hospitality and educational programs during the TCA chefs conference in June. It was wonderful to see how hard Chapter President Mark Schneider, CEC, CCE, AAC, and his board worked to make this event for their members. I think it's great to see how successful state conferences can be, and how they bring together local talent and members from many chapters to share, network and learn. I would love to see more states try to get their chapters together for such an event.

I would like to ask all of you to join in and participate this upcoming year as we begin our new conference format. We will
have our regional competitions in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 6-7, which will host our U.S.A.’s Chef of the Year, ACF Pastry Chef of the Year, ACF Student Chef of the Year and ACF Student Team competitions. Then, in April 2015, we will host our regional conference with ACF Western Region.

This is going to be a special and trendsetting time and I ask everyone to come out and support ACF Central Region. For our regional conference we will be going to the great city of Indianapolis, and I have already been working with Chapter President Sam Brown and ACF Greater Indianapolis Chapter to make this an outstanding conference. I am excited to be working with my ACF Western Region friends and Western Region Vice President David Goodwin, CEC, CCA, AAC, to bring a blend of talent and food to this conference. Please watch for more information.

Again, I want to thank you for your support and patience as we feel our way through these changes and new times. Please know my true appreciation for your help, now and in the past, to make us such a great region.

My best to you this upcoming fall, and I hope to see all of you soon.

Sincerely,

Kyle Richardson, CEC, CCE, AAC, CHE
ACF Central Region Vice President

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The Dates are Set for 2015
Planning is already under way for the 2015 ACF regional conferences and national convention, so mark your calendars today. Register now.

**ACF Northeast/Southeast Regional Conference**
Feb. 15-17, 2015, Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore

**ACF Central/Western Regional Conference**
April 12-14, 2015, Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis

**ACF National Convention**
July 30-Aug. 3, 2015, Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida

**ACF’s Recipe Contest Ends Sept. 30**
Discover new recipes and share your favorites with ACF’s Recipe Collection. The ACF member from each region who inputs the highest number of recipes into the ACF Recipe Collection by Sept. 30 will have one of their submitted recipes published in the January 2015 issue of *The National Culinary Review*. Enter your recipes. The collection allows ACF members to:

- Input recipes
- Rate recipes
- Share photos of recipes
- Save recipes to a favorites section
- Search for recipes by ingredient or meal type

**Attend 2014 AllergyEats Conference and Receive CEHs**
The 2014 AllergyEats Food Allergy Conference for Restaurateurs and Foodservice Professionals will be held Oct. 21 at the Radisson Martinique on Broadway, New York.

Attendees will learn how to maximize safety and increase customer engagement, loyalty and revenue from expert speakers and presenters. Topics will
include: food allergy basics, modifying recipes for the food-allergic diner and the financials around food allergies.

The conference has been approved by ACF for seven continuing education hours. Learn more.

Sizzle’s Fall Issue Has Something for Everyone
From culinary students and food enthusiasts to professional chefs, Sizzle’s fall issue has something interesting for everyone. Articles featured in this issue include:

■ Preparing Cassoulet Toulousain two ways
■ A day in the life of apprentice Paul Burch, CSC
■ Discovering the ins and outs of cooking for athletic teams
■ Mastering duck confit
■ Exploring the sweet and heat menu trend
■ An interview with Jonathon Sawyer
■ Learning about Goa cuisine
■ View the full issue.

Subscribe to the digital issue or download the app today.

Support Childhood Nutrition Day in October
ACF’s Chef & Child Foundation is calling on ACF chapters and chefs across the nation to hold Childhood Nutrition Day activities during the month of October. The event can be as simple as offering a cooking demonstration or holding an activity at a local school. You can make a difference in your community by participating. Visit the ACF website to register, find an event, and download templates and activities.

Congratulations to the Newest ACF Central Region Certified Chefs
Congratulations to the following newly ACF-certified
chefs. **ACF certification** demonstrates skill, knowledge and professionalism. Today, ACF certification is recognized as a standard of excellence in the industry.

- Nicole P. Albert, CC
- Michael Allen, CC
- Lauren A. Anders, CPC
- Julie K. Andrews, CC
- Trisha A. Balderas, CPC
- Stephanie A. Ballantyne, CSC
- Jeffery P. Barnes, CEC, CCA
- Telma Batres, CC
- Daniel J. Bauchmoyer, CC
- Tiffany F. Beckmann, CSC
- Ashley N. Beever, CC
- Nicole C. Bertelotti, CC
- Jack Birren, CEC
- Arthur J. Blackmer, CC
- Sharayah N. Brunson, CC, CPC
- Arielle M. Bumbul, CC
- Mary B. Burgess, CC
- Samuel R. Byington, CC
- Chelsea E. Caraway, CC
- Eric D. Clark, CEC, PCC
- Leonna G. Cross, CPC
- Shakirra D. Denard, CC
- Lauren M. Downing, CWPC
- Prim Ekvinai, CC
- Khaled A. Elnemr, CEC
- Virgil R. Emmert, CEC, CCA
- Golda E. Ewalt, CCC
- Claudia Ruiz Farias, CSC
- Jennifer L. Feazel, CPC
- James E. Flemming III, CC
- Shelva M. Floyd, CC
- David Thomas Frattini, CEC, CCE
- Donna Jo Frazier, CSC
- Courtney Fuqua, CWPC
- Dorothy H. Galanis, CC
- Kellan G. Gannon, CC
- Alexis A. Girhiny, CEC
- Noah Thomas Gough, CSC
- Megan F. Gregory, CPC
- Andrew J. Grenier, CEC
- Derrick K. Guillory, CC
- John D. Guimond, CEC
- Brian Hargis, CEC
- Tiffanie C. Harper, CSC
- Brandon R. Hendrix, CC
- Yvette M. Hines, CC
- Robert T. Holloway, CEC
- Kristen N. Holman, CC
- Stephen N. Horsch, CSC
- Jarvis E. Hudson, CC
- Clark Timothy Huff, CEC, CCA
- Jason Michael Hysell, CSC
Practical Exams for ACF Certification
Below is a chronological listing of the upcoming practical exams in the ACF Central Region. Visit the ACF website to learn more and see a complete listing of the exams scheduled.

10/11/2014: Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois
10/24/2014: Ivy Tech Community College, Indianapolis
10/24/2014: Louisiana Culinary Institute, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
11/7/2014: Career and Technical Education Academy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
11/8/2014: Platt College, Tulsa, Oklahoma
12/13/2014: The Art Institute of Houston, Houston
1/5/2015: Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, Wisconsin

ACF-Sanctioned Competitions
Participate in or attend an ACF-sanctioned competition. Below are the upcoming approved competitions. Visit the ACF website to learn more.

October 14: ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, Michigan
Contact: jpiazza@dorsey.edu, (313) 820-9746
Categories: A-D

October 15: Texas Chefs Association-Dallas
Dallas Market Center, Dallas
Contact: pdmitchell@benekeith.com, (972) 877-9459
Categories: C, D, SC, SD, K2

October 18-19: ACF Chefs and Cooks of the Catskill Mountains
SUNY Delhi, Delhi, New York
Contact: acfcomp@delhi.edu, (607) 746-4318
Categories: A-D, SA-SD, E1-2, F1-2, K1-9, SK1-SK9, P1-2, SP1-2

October 25-26: ACF Columbus Chapter
Columbus Culinary Institute, Columbus, Ohio
Contact: jmotec@gmail.com, (614) 306-5082
Categories: A, D, SA, SD, F1-2, F5-6, K1-9, SK1-SK9, P1-2, SP1-2

November 1-2: ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Association, Inc.
Land O'Lakes High School, Academy of Culinary Arts, Land O'Lakes, Florida
Contact: gerard.marquetty@us.nestle.com, (727) 481-3983
Categories: A-D, SA-SD, P1-2, SP1-2, W, SW

November 2: ACF Capital District-Central New York
Albany Marriott, Albany, New York
Contact: chefdalemiller@yahoo.com, (518) 366-3982
Categories: W

November 6-9: ACF Beehive Chefs Chapter, Inc.
Utah Valley University, Lehi, Utah
Contact: chefmanda@gmail.com, (801) 400-4705
Categories: A-D, SA-SD, K1-9, SK1-9, P1-2, SP1-2, ST1-2 ACF Student Team Utah State Competition

November 14-15: ACF Greater Kansas City Chefs Association
Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas
Contact: jmarcellus@jccc.edu, (913) 469-8500 x3611
Categories: A, C, D, SA, SC, SD, F2, ST1, K1-9, SK1-9, P1-2, SP1-2

November 22-23: ACF Colorado Chefs Association
Denver Art Institute, Grand Junction, Colorado
Contact: jstpeter@coloradomesa.edu, (970) 255-2663
Categories: A-D, SA-SD, F1, ST2, K1-9, SK1-SK9, P1-2, SP1-2, W - Colorado Student Team State Competition

January 9-11, 2015: Mad City ACF Chapter, Inc.--State Competition
Madison Area Technical College, Madison, Wisconsin
Contact: jgjohnson@madisoncollege.edu, (608) 246-6707
Categories: A - D, E2 - E-4, F-1, F-2, F-5, F6, K-1 - K-9, SK-1 - SK-9, P-1, P-2, ST-2 - State Competition

July 23, 2015: 2015 NACUFS Challenge
Central Region Chapter News
Find out what your ACF Central Region chapters have been doing or are planning by visiting their websites or contacting them.

ARKANSAS
ACF Central Arkansas Chapter: Contact Todd R. Gold, CEC, CCA, AAC, at (501) 258-3319 for information.
Northwest Arkansas Chefs Association: www.nwaacf.com

ILLINOIS
ACF Central Illinois Culinary Arts Association: Contact Charles Rivers, CEC, at (217) 245-2134 for information.
ACF Chicago Chefs of Cuisine Inc.: www.chicagochefsofcuisine.org
ACF Heart of Illinois Professional Chefs Assn.: Contact Paul Stroup for information.
ACF Louis Joliet Chapter: Contact Frederick N. Ferrara, M.Ed., CEC, CCE, CHE, at (815) 280-2529 for information.
ACF Quad Cities Chefs de Cuisine: No information.
ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians Inc.: www.acfwindycitychefs.org

INDIANA
ACF Chefs of Northwest Indiana: www.acfchefsofnorthwestindiana.org
ACF East Central Indiana Chapter: www.acfceni.org
ACF Ft Wayne Professional Chefs Association: Contact Aaron Rothgeb at (260) 341-6940 for information.
ACF Greater Indianapolis Chapter: Contact Jeff Bricker at (317) 439-1698 for information.
ACF South Bend Chefs and Cooks Association: www.acfsouthbendchefs.org
ACF Tri-State Chefs and Cooks Chapter: Contact Edward Ellis III, CEC, at (812) 205-5076 for information.

IOWA
ACF of Iowa: Contact Phillip Carey at (515) 964-6698 for information.
ACF of Southeast Iowa: Contact Jamie Leonard, CEC, at (641) 990-5482 for more information.

KANSAS
ACF Wichita Area Chapter: Contact Michael Betlach at (316) 218-2197 for information.

LOUISIANA
ACF Acadiana Chapter: Contact Jude Tauzin at (337) 258-4200 for more information.
ACF New Orleans Chapter: www.acfno.org
Contact Amy Lynn Queret at (225) 343-1814 for information.
The ACF of Greater Baton Rouge: Contact Amy Lynn Queret at (225) 343-1814 for information.

MICHIGAN
ACF Capital Professional Chefs & Cooks Association of Greater Lansing: Contact Troy Johnson at (989) 600-1488 for information.
ACF Chefs 200 Club Detroit Michigan: Contact Jeff Heinzman, CEC, AAC, at (810) 394-2331 for information.
ACF Flint/Saginaw Valley Chapter: www.ACF-Flint-Saginaw.org
ACF Great Lakes Thumb Chapter: Contact Mitch Plant (810) 636-2929 for information.
ACF Greater Grand Rapids Chefs Association: Contact Aaron Chew at (616) 780-0758 for information.
ACF of Kalamazoo/Battle Creek: Contact Howie Peak at (269) 598-6468 for information.
ACF of Northwestern Michigan: Contact Robert Rodriguez at (231) 995-3154 for information.
ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association: www.mccachef.org
ACF West Michigan Lakeshore Chapter: Contact Zach Zost, CEC, at (231) 777-6638 for information.
Upper Michigan Chapter of the ACF: www.acfupchefs.com

MINNESOTA
ACF Arrowhead Professional Chefs Association: www.acfarrowheadchefs.com
ACF Minneapolis Chapter: www.acfmcc.com
ACF Southeastern Minnesota Culinarian Chapter: Contact Mark Beland, CCA, CEC, at (507) 255-9077 for more information.

MISSOURI
ACF Central Missouri Chapter: Contact Daniel Pliska at (573) 882-2433 for information.
ACF Greater Kansas City Chefs Association: www.kcchefs.org
ACF Springfield / Branson Chefs Association: www.acfspringfieldbranson.com
Chefs de Cuisine Association of St Louis Inc: www.acfchefsdecuisineslouis.org

NEBRASKA
ACF Chefs and Culinarians of the Heartland:
Contact Charles Newlin, CEC, at (402) 515-4876 for information.

ACF Professional Chefs & Apprentices of Nebraska: Contact Robert Epps at (402) 202-6453 for information.

OKLAHOMA
ACF Culinary Arts of Oklahoma: No information.
ACF Tulsa Chapter: Contact Kenneth Wagoner, CEC, CCA, ACE, at (918) 286-5331 for information.

SOUTH DAKOTA
ACF Black Hills Chapter of Professional Chefs: Contact Jeff Slathar at (605) 393-0570 for information.

TEXAS
Texas Chefs Association: www.texaschefsassociation.org
ACF Capitol of Texas Chefs: Contact Steve E. Mannion at (512) 467-0240 for information.
ACF Professional Chefs Association of Houston: www.pcahouston.org
ACF Chefs Association of Greater El Paso: Contact Nicholas Gravalos at (915) 577-6835 for information.
ACF Chapter of South Texas: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=124804034218370
ACF Texas Panhandle Chefs de Cuisine: Contact Angela Medlock for information.

WISCONSIN
ACF Blackhawk Chapter of Professional Chefs: Contact Stan Arnold at (608) 436-6764 for information.
ACF Chefs of Milwaukee Inc.: www.acfchefsofmilwaukee.com
ACF Fox Valley Chapter: Contact R.C. Schroeder Jr., CEC, at (920) 993-5299 for information.
ACF Geneva Lakes: www.acfwisconsin.org
ACF Mad City Chapter: www.facebook.com/madcity.acf
ACF Middle Wisconsin Chefs: Contact James P. Duhaime at (715) 573-5070 for information.