



January 2020



Greetings American Academy of Chefs Fellows!

Welcome to 2020, I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season, and wishing you a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

With the ending of a decade, lets take a quick look back on what the AAC has done with the help of all of the Fellows, of the American Culinary Federation's honor society.

Some of the highlights included the awarding of over 100 scholarships, lending support to the ACF Olympic Youth teams in both 2012 and 2016, as well as supporting both the National Hot Food and Knowledge Bowl teams, establishing the Inspire Fund, 10 National AAC dinners and over 40 regional and chapter AAC dinners, worth noting, of course, is the generosity of the Fellows and our sponsors who have helped to make all this and more possible throughout the years.

A special thank you to all those Fellows for your generous donations in 2019 and also, we send thanks to the ACF Rhode Island Chapter for their donation in support the ACF Olympic Youth Team, which will be headed to Stuttgart, Germany in February.

Next week I will be visiting Seattle to attend a tasting for our AAC dinner and later in the month, Joe and I will be heading down to the Academy office to review the many applications for Fellowship into our great honor society as well as conduct the business of the Academy.

I recently received an email from a new Fellow who asked me a question which I am asked often: "When do I wear my academy medal, mini medal or lap pin? Or do I wear all 3 at the same time?" So, I thought it would be helpful to

answer that here as well.

When the dress code is formal (black tie), the Academy medal or mini medal should always be worn at Academy dinners. In addition, the Academy medal must be worn on its proper red, white and blue ribbon and not on any other type of ribbon. No pins or mini medals of any kind may be worn on the ribbon, nor should your Academy medal be worn over or under another medallion. When wearing other mini medals, they should be worn on the left side of your formal wear. When at a formal event where you will be wearing a medallion such as an ACF national or chapter medallion, then either the mini medal or lap pin should be worn on the left side.

When wearing business attire the AAC lapel pin is to be worn on the left side. As we look forward to this year, we have two great regional dinners planned in Seattle and Nashville. Please order your tickets early to ensure that you will not miss out on these events. In July we will be hosting our national dinner at which we will be celebrating our 65th anniversary, which is known as the "Blue Sapphire" anniversary. On that note, Joe and I are asking if you might consider adding some blue sapphire to your formal wear at that dinner. We are looking forward to see you all in March.

Warm regards,
Rico



"Each New Year, we have before us a brand new book containing 365 blank pages. Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year—the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to offer."

— *Peggy Toney Horton*

AAC Applications

Congratulations!

to all those chefs that have submitted their applications for acceptance into the American Academy of Chefs. Announcements will be made in February 2020.

It's never too early to get started!!

2020 American Academy of Chefs Applications

Membership - Connection - Involvement

The "Prestigious Honor Society" of the American Culinary Federation offers a unique way to honor those who have worked hard and risen through the ranks of the culinary field. A successful application for acceptance as an AAC Fellow will serve as the culmination of years of involvement in the great culinary profession, and as an ACF member.

An Academy Fellow must request an application for a potential inductee. Candidates will need two sponsor letters of recommendation from voting Academy Fellows. An Academy Fellow is permitted to sponsor **one** new applicant per year, as is a Regional Director. Applications must be **returned by December 1st, 2020**. Induction will be at the 2021 ACF National Convention in Orlando, FL.

Applications for American Academy of Chefs Induction for 2020 will be available February 1, 2020. Meanwhile you can review the current requirements on how to become an American Academy of Chefs Fellow, [Click Here](#)

Upcoming Events



Get your tickets now!

Enjoy an evening of good food and great friends. Each Executive Chef and his culinary team will provide an amazing menu with a local flair for the Academy guests. Guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening of flavor that will inspire your senses. Don't miss out on these fabulous events!



ChefConnect Seattle American Academy of Chefs Dinner & Reception

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

6:00 – 10:00pm

Tickets \$150.00 per person

The Double Tree by Hilton

Executive Chef Jesse Olsen

Seating is limited!!

Open to all ACF Members

To purchase tickets [Click here](#)



**ChefConnect Nashville
American Academy of Chefs
Dinner & Reception**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

6:00 – 10:00pm

Tickets \$150.00 per person

The Westin Nashville

Executive Chef Jake Strang

Seating is limited!!

Open to all ACF Members

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Start planning your trip to next years AAC Dinner in Dallas, TX. Don't miss out on the fun. It promises to be a memorable experience!!!!

National Convention Dallas 2020

Sunday, July 19, 2020 to Thursday, July 23, 2020

Hilton Anatole

Early Bird Rate Deadline: March 16 2020

**AAC 65th Anniversary
Induction & Dinner**

Sunday, July 19, 2020

6:00pm - 11:00pm

Executive Chef Rigoberto Limus and Chef Mike Youssef

Tickets \$175.00 per person

Seating is limited!!

To purchase tickets [Click here](#)

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