

# Michael Moench, CEC, M.S.Ed

## ACF Treasurer Candidate

As Dean of Culinary Arts for Keiser University Center for Culinary Arts, my responsibilities include curriculum design, delivery and operations of all three Keiser University Centers for Culinary Arts. Starting in the industry at a young age at my father's deli and having stayed in the industry ever since; I have worked my way through private clubs and resorts in New York, North Carolina and Florida. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University and a Master's in Education from Keiser University.

As Chair of the American Culinary Federation Accreditation Commission, I was able to lead the commission to having a surplus of \$86K the first year. We now expect to have a surplus of \$225K this second year; this was achieved after being in the red for several years. These accomplishment were attained by revamping our billing and collection processes, shifting to a flat fee, and using a per-diem. These operational efficiencies helped the commission save on labor, time, and money. This financial position allows us to continue to innovate, add value, and strengthen our position in accreditation and ensures future operational effectiveness.

The ACF already has members with the professional passion to lead and succeed. It is my goal to work with those members to make the group stronger, bigger and more diverse. While those goals are underway, I desire to ensure financial accountability for each of them.

### Some Volunteer Roles Include

- Chair, ACFEFAC American Culinary Federation Accreditation Commission
- Membership Chair, ACF Sarasota Chapter
- Secretary, FRLA Florida Restaurant and Lodging Suncoast Chapter
- Past Chair, Florida Restaurant and Lodging educational Foundation (ProStart)
- Past Vice President, ACF Sarasota Chapter

