Noble Masi, CEPC, AAC, HOF, Receives Prestigious Joseph Amendola Award by the American Academy of Chefs

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., July 14, 2008—The American Academy of Chefs (AAC), the honor society of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), honored Noble Masi, certified executive pastry chef (CEPC), American Academy of Chefs (AAC), and American academy of chefs hall of fame (HOF), of Plymouth, Mass., with the Joseph Amendola Award during a formal ceremony and dinner at the 2008 ACF National Convention in Las Vegas.

The Joseph Amendola Award is presented to a pastry chef or master baker. This recipient has devoted their career to their profession and to the mentoring of young individuals who will be future pastry chefs.

Masi has more than 50 years of experience as professional baker, culinary educator, award-winning chef and author. Founding member of the Mid Hudson Culinary Association, Masi has served the ACF as chairman of his chapter’s board and national treasurer for two terms. He retired as one of the three longest serving professors from The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y., with a 35-year career as a professor and director of education in baking and pastry arts.

Throughout his career, Masi has won numerous awards and has been recognized for his profound influence on the culinary industry. He was named U.S.A.’s Chef of the Year™ in 1999, received the ACF Professionalism Award in 1996 and the American Culinary Federation Education Institute Education Award in 1982. Masi is also the author of Baking Fundamentals (Prentice Hall, 2006).

The AAC, which recognizes those individuals who have made significant contributions to both the culinary profession and ACF, was established in 1955 at the ACF National Convention in Pittsburgh. Those credited with its founding include the legendary Pierre Berard, Peter Berrini and Paul Laesecke, HOF, AAC.

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The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 21,500 members spanning 230 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States. ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

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