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ACF Awards Northeast Region Chapter of the Year and
Chapter Achievement Awards at 2009 Northeast Regional Conference

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., February 10, 2009—One Northeast Region American Culinary Federation, Inc., (ACF) chapter was honored as ACF Northeast Region Chapter of the Year, and the same chapter, along with 20 others, received an ACF Chapter Achievement Award at the 2009 ACF Northeast Regional Conference held at the Westin Boston Waterfront, Boston, February 7-9.

ACF Pittsburgh Chapter, Pittsburgh, was named ACF Northeast Region Chapter of the Year by ACF Northeast Region Vice President Mark Wright, CEC, AAC, for its exemplary performance within the community and to the culinary industry over the past year. In addition, Wright presented ACF Northeast Region Chapter Achievement Awards to chapters that have maintained or increased a strong membership; held a culinary competition, certification practical test or other ACF-approved event in the last 12 months; nominated an outstanding and dedicated member for a 2009 award; contributed to the community by participating in a fundraising function; and positively represented the chapter and ACF in the community and culinary industry.

ACF Northeast Region Chapter Achievement Award recipients:
  • ACF Akron-Canton Area Cooks and Chefs Association; Akron, Ohio
  • ACF Cape Code & The Islands Chefs Association; Cape Cod, Mass.
  • ACF Casco Bay Culinary Association; South Portland, Maine
  • ACF Columbus Chapter; Columbus, Ohio
  • ACF Down East Chapter Inc.; Bangor, Maine
  • ACF Epicurean Club of Boston; Boston
  • ACF First State Chefs Association; Wilmington, Del.
  • ACF Great Bay New Hampshire Chapter; Durham, N.H.

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Chosen for its historic charm and vibrant culinary scene, Boston was the location of the 2009 ACF Northeast Regional Conference hosted by ACF Epicurean Club of Boston. Bringing more than 600 chefs, cooks and foodservice professionals to the city, the conference provided attendees with numerous opportunities to advance their professional development and enhance their culinary skills through informative business seminars, forums and cooking demonstrations featuring the latest trends and techniques. In addition, the conference offered participants the opportunity to compete in several cooking competitions.

Sponsors of the 2009 ACF Northeast Regional Conference and ACF national award sponsors include: American Lamb Board; Barber Foods; Beef Checkoff; Bon Chef, Inc.; Butterball Farms, Inc.; Canada Cutlery Inc.; Cargill Salt; Chartwells; The Cheesecake Factory Bakery, Inc.; Custom Culinary, Inc.; Enviro-Solutions; Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers; GFF, Inc./Girard's Dressings; Kendall College School of Culinary Arts; Marine Farms Belize, Ltd.; Mexican Hass Avocado Importers Association; Mind's Eye Resource Management, LLC; National Honey Board; The National Pork Board and America's Pork Producers; Nestlé Professional; New England Coffee Company; NewChef Fashion Inc.; Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats; Pasta CHEF®; Pearson Education; RC Fine Foods; R.L. Schreiber, Inc.; Rougié Foie Gras; Rubbermaid Commercial Products; Sartori Food Corporation; Sid Wainer & Sons; Splenda®; Sysco Food Services; Tyson Food Service; U.S. Foodservice–Boston; Unilever Foodsolutions; and Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 22,000 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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