American Culinary Federation Presents Three President’s Medallions at 2011 ACF Western Regional Conference

St. Augustine, Fla., May 5, 2011—The American Culinary Federation, Inc. (ACF) presented three President’s Medallions to chefs from Utah and Washington at the 2011 ACF Western Regional Conference held at Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, Ariz., April 29-May 2, 2011.

ACF President’s Medallions were presented by ACF National President Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, and Western Region Vice President William Franklin, CMC, WGMC, AAC, to ACF members who exemplify culinary excellence and leadership. The recipients have contributed their knowledge, skills and expertise to the advancement of the culinary profession.

ACF President’s Medallion recipients:

- **Franz Kubak, CEC**, of Salt Lake City, assistant professor/chef-instructor, Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah; ACF Beehive Chefs Chapter Inc.
- **Tony Parker, CEC**, of Bonney Lake, Wash., general manager, Eurest Dining Services, Kent, Wash.; ACF Washington State Chefs Association
- **James Wolters, CEC, AAC**, of Spokane, Wash., executive chef, Manito Country Club, Spokane; ACF Chefs de Cuisine of the Inland Northwest

The 2011 ACF Western Regional Conference, hosted by ACF Chefs Association of Arizona, Inc., brought hundreds of chefs, cooks and foodservice professionals to Scottsdale. The conference provided attendees with opportunities to advance their professional development and enhance their culinary skills through business seminars, cooking demonstrations featuring the latest trends and techniques, cooking competitions and awards.

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**About the American Culinary Federation**
The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 20,000 members spanning 225 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and programmatic accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the -more-
United States. ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions, and to the Chef & Child Foundation, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

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