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### Michael Beriau, CEC, AAC, Receives 2017 Hermann G. Rusch Chef's Achievement Award at ACF National Convention

**St. Augustine, Fla., July 26, 2017**—Michael Beriau, CEC, AAC, foodservice consultant and Northeast Chairman for the ACF National Culinary Competition Committee, East Falmouth, Massachusetts, received the 2017 Hermann G. Rusch Chef's Achievement Award from the American Culinary Federation (ACF) at **Cook. Craft. Create. ACF National Convention & Show** held in Orlando, July 9-13.

The [Hermann G. Rusch Chef's Achievement Award](#) began in 2002. The award honors chefs who have demonstrated a high level of commitment to ACF and the advancement of the culinary profession. The award is named in honor of Hermann G. Rusch, AAC, (1907–1997), an ACF member instrumental in the advancement of the culinary profession through leadership and the enrichment of students.

“Winning the Hermann G. Rusch award is like a lifetime achievement award for me. It was an amazing and unexpected honor beyond words. Hermann G. Rusch was a chef educator, mentor and truly passionate leader whom we all emulate. To receive this award in the twilight of my career is the frosting on the cake for the work I have done and would do all over again tomorrow,” said Beriau. “I would like to thank my beautiful wife who always believed in the hard work that I had done. My favorite part of ACF is the junior ACF members who have given me the opportunity to share with them all that I have learned over my entire career. Thank you ACF for being the tremendous avenue in my career and sharing with us all the culinarians' code, may we not all just read it but live by it every day.”



Beriau recently retired after a 48-year career that included positions as executive chef at White Cliffs Country Club, Plymouth, Massachusetts; corporate executive chef at Dole and Bailey, Inc.; and served as a taskforce member for National Cattleman's Beef Association. Beriau's numerous achievements include earning two gold medals at the *Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung*, commonly referred to as the "culinary Olympics," in 1988; serving as coach and assistant manager of ACF Culinary Team USA in 2000; receiving the ACF Northeast Region Chef of the Year award in 2001; and the Dr. L.J. Minor Chef Professionalism Award in 2007. Beriau has served as an ACF-certified judge and a member of the ACF national competition committee since 2009 and is the recipient of three ACF President's Medallions. He is a member of ACF Epicurean Club of Boston.

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More than 1,100 chefs, cooks, students and foodservice professionals attended **Cook. Craft. Create. ACF National Convention & Show**. The event provided professional development through informative workshops and seminars, cutting-edge demonstrations, a trade show featuring 70 foodservice industry exhibitors, career fair and national culinary competitions. Visit the [ACF Flickr page](#) for high-resolution photographs.

#### [About the American Culinary Federation](#)

The American Culinary Federation, Inc. (ACF), established in 1929, is the standard of excellence for chefs in North America. With more than 17,500 members spanning more than 150 chapters nationwide, ACF is the leading culinary association offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and programmatic accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States, with the Certified Executive Chef®, Certified Sous Chef®, Certified Executive Pastry Chef® and Certified Culinary Educator® designations accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. The American Culinary Federation Education Foundation is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions, and to Chef & Child, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit [www.acfchefs.org](http://www.acfchefs.org). Find ACF on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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