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Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC

Southeast Region Vice President



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A Message from Your Region Vice President

Dear Chef:

Wow! What a wonderful time we had at the [ACF Southeast Regional Conference](#) in Atlanta. I cannot say enough about the job the ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter did to make everything go smoothly and to show all of us the best in Southern hospitality.

I especially enjoyed seeing everyone, and I was extremely impressed by the turnout and participation at the chapter presidents meeting and chapter leadership training. We had some great discussions about the future of ACF and the specific challenges facing the Southeast Region.

One tool ACF will be using to face our future is the [ACF Strategic Plan](#). If you have not had a chance to check it out yet, please do. You can view it on the [ACF website](#), as well as [download](#) it.



Our national office staff did an outstanding job helping to put this plan together, not to mention all the excellent work that went into the regional conference. If you get a chance, please be sure to express your thanks to them.

Sincerely,
Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC
Your ACF Southeast Region Vice President

2011 ACF Southeast Regional Conference a Success

More than 450 chefs, cooks and foodservice professionals descended on Atlanta for the [2011 ACF Southeast Regional Conference](#), hosted by ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter Inc. Attendees not only "Experienced the Power of Connection," but were provided with numerous opportunities to advance their professional development and enhance their culinary skills through seminars, culinary demonstrations featuring the latest trends and techniques, cooking competitions, meal events, networking and the opportunity to learn about the newest industry products from purveyors from across the U.S. at the trade show. Watch the [videos](#) and view the [photos](#).

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The American Academy of Chefs Dinner, held at Cherokee Town and Country Club, Atlanta, was extraordinary and featured culinary delights by executive chef/2007 U.S.A.'s Chef of the Year™ Kevin Walker, CMC, AAC. The ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter's Casino Night was a success and benefited the ACF Greater Atlanta Charitable Trust, which distributes funds to organizations such as ACF Culinary Team USA, Operation Chefs Unite and TOT's Kitchen, a program that helps to educate nutritionally at-risk children about healthy eating.

A sincere thank-you to our [sponsors](#) and [exhibitors](#), whose support was instrumental to our success, and to the AAC for donating \$1,000 to the ACF Southeast Region Student Team winner to assist with national convention travel expenses.

Congratulations to all the Southeast Region [award recipients](#) and [honorees](#) for their outstanding contributions and goodwill, and to all the [competitors](#) for a job well done.

Chef of the Year, sponsored by Unilever Food Solutions

[Keith Armstrong](#), executive chef, Greenwich Country Club, Greenwich, Conn.; ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter Inc.

Pastry Chef of the Year, sponsored by Splenda®

[Kyongran "Alex" Hwang](#), assistant pastry chef, Cherokee Town and Country Club, Atlanta; ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter Inc.

Chef Educator of the Year

[Michael Carmel, CEC, CCE](#), department head, Culinary Institute of Charleston Trident Technical College, Charleston, S.C.; ACF Greater Charleston South Carolina Chapter

Hermann G. Rusch Chef's Achievement Award

[Costa Magoulas, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC, MHA](#), dean, School of Hospitality and Culinary Management, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, Fla.; ACF Daytona Beach Chefs Association

Chef Professionalism Award, sponsored by Minor's®

[Russell Scott, CMC, WGMC](#), executive chef, Isleworth Golf & Country Club, Windermere, Fla.; ACF Central Florida Chapter

Student Chef of the Year, sponsored by Custom Culinary, Inc.

[Keith Schwock](#), line cook, Cherokee Town and Country Club, Atlanta; ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter Inc.

Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl, sponsored by American Technical Publishers

Representing the [Culinary Institute of Savannah at Savannah Technical College](#), Savannah, Ga., members of ACF Chefs of the Low Country: Jocelyn Brantley, Cassandra M. Gillmore, Claudia C. Harper, Joshua A. Lopez and Angela N. Real. Valarie Barnes is the team's coach.

Student Team Regional Championship, sponsored by R.L. Schreiber, Inc.

Representing [ACF Western North Carolina Culinary Association](#), students from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville, N.C.: Sidney Ann Caton, Stephen Hertz, John "Danny" Schwalje, team captain, Jonathon Zetterholm and Tracy Williams. Charles deVries, CEPC, is the team's coach.

Paella, Please! sponsored by Riviana

[Christopher McCook, CEC, AAC](#), executive chef, Athens Country Club, Athens, Ga.; Classic City Chefs and Cooks Association

Joseph Amendola Outstanding Member Award

[Bryan Frick, CEC, AAC](#), corporate executive chef, Nestlé Professional, Orlando, Fla.; ACF Central Florida Chapter

Chapter of the Year

[ACF Central Florida Chapter, Orlando, Fla.](#)

Chapter Achievement Award

[ACF Central Florida Chapter](#)

[ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter Inc., Atlanta](#)

[ACF Inc. Charlotte Chapter, Charlotte, N.C.](#)

[ACF Midlands Chapter, Lexington, S.C.](#)

[ACF Palm Beach County Chefs Association, Palm Beach, Fla.](#)

[ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Association, Tampa, Fla.](#)

Cutting Edge Award

[Clyde "Jay" Christmas, CEC, CCA](#), executive chef, Hope Valley Country Club, Durham, N.C.; ACF Triangle Chefs

[Delores "Dee" Lennox, CEC](#), president/owner, Lennox Catering, Sunrise, Fla.; Fort Lauderdale ACF Inc.

[Garrett Sanborn, CEC, CCE, Ed.D.](#), chef-instructor, Oldham County Board of Education, Buckner, Ky., an ACF national member

ACF President's Medallions

[Chief Warrant Officer 4 \(CW4\) Russell Campbell, CEC](#), chief for the Advanced Food Service Training Division, U.S. Army, Fort Lee, Va.; Old Dominion ACF Chapter

[Keith Gardiner, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC](#), chef-instructor, Guilford Technical Community College, Jamestown, N.C.; ACF Triad Chapter NC

[Patricia Lucardie](#), chapter administrator, ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Association, Inc., Tampa; ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Association, Inc.

[Michael Osborne, CEC](#), general manager/executive chef, Manchester Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, Tenn.; ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter

Sign Up to Get a Mentor

Do you wish you had a professional, experienced chef to turn to with questions about the culinary industry, your career and when difficult situations arise? If so, ACF's new mentorship program, Sharing Culinary Traditions, is perfect for you. Sign up to be matched with a professional chef who is willing to share his/her knowledge, life experiences and advice. [More](#)



2011 ACF National Elections - Voting Eligibility

ACF members will vote electronically in May for the 2011-2013 Board of Directors national officers: president, regional vice presidents, secretary and treasurer. To guarantee your eligibility to vote and ensure correspondence reaches you, please update your contact information, especially your e-mail address, by either [logging into the ACF website](#) and updating your profile or by calling the ACF office at (800) 624-9458. Your membership dues must be paid by March 31 for you to be eligible to vote. Contact ACF Nominations & Elections Committee Chair Mark Kent, CEC, at (330) 972-2349 or mk6@uakron.edu if you have any questions.



ACF Culinary Team USA Fundraising Competition

As you know from my previous e-newsletters, we are holding a fundraising competition from Aug. 1, 2010 to May 31, 2012 in the Southeast Region for [ACF Culinary Team USA](#). After spending time with the team, I am convinced this is the right thing to do. Our team represents us at the highest level of the international culinary community and is manned by chefs just like us. Their hard work and sacrifice is immense, and we need to send them off prepared. Many chefs have asked me how they can help, so this competition is a way that each chapter and member can individually tailor assistance and win great prizes.



The ACF Southeast chapter that raises the most money for ACF Culinary Team USA based on the average dollar amount per chapter member will receive a visit from an ACF Culinary Team USA member. In addition, each chapter member will receive an ACF Culinary Team USA pin or patch designed for IKA. The chapter that raises more than \$15,000 will receive an expense-paid trip for one to Erfurt, Germany, to experience the 2012 IKA with ACF Culinary Team USA. The trip for one includes airfare, hotel, show passes and breakfast daily. The ACF Southeast Region member who raises the most money in excess of \$3,000 will also receive a trip for one to IKA, as well as a special memorabilia package. [More](#)

We have raised \$4,512 as of March 4. Thank you to the [chapters](#) and [members](#) that donated. Make a [donation](#) and help ACF Culinary Team USA bring home the gold.



Top Chapters in Total Donations
ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter Inc.: \$2,600
ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter: \$1,152
ACF Central Florida Chapter: \$350

Top Chapters Based on Average Dollar Amount Per Member
ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter Inc.: \$4.36
ACF The Chefs & Cooks Association of Puerto Rico: \$4.35
ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter: \$3.46

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Become an [ACF Culinary Team USA supporter](#) now!

Culinary Arts Showcase, April 12

ACF-Sanctioned Pastry and Cold Food Competition

Raleigh Convention Center

- ACF Pastry and Cold Food Salon



- Cake Decorating Competition
- Tastings Catered by Local Restaurants
- Ice Carving Exhibition
- Student Demonstrations
- Live Cake Auction

Learn more at <http://baking.waketech.edu/pastryshow.php>

Access Your ACF Chapter Logo Online

Your ACF chapter logo is available behind the [login](#) on your member profile of the ACF website. You can add your chapter logo on your business cards, letterhead, website and etc. Please read the ACF Branded Chapter Logo Usage and ACF Logo Policies and Procedures documents to ensure you are using the logo correctly. Our goal in every instance of the logo's use is to enhance ACF's awareness in the culinary industry and with the public.



Chapter Compliance

Did you know that to be considered in good standing, your chapter must have all of its legal documents on file at the ACF national office? Correspondence was sent by the ACF national office to all chapter presidents detailing these requirements and the repercussions of noncompliance. If you are not sure if your chapter is in compliance, please contact Linda Leo, membership manager, in the ACF membership department at leo@acfchefs.net.

Update Your Chapter's Information Online

Please update the information on your local and national ACF websites. It is the main way people, potential members and sponsors, find out where you are meeting and what you are doing. Remember, your ACF branded chapter logo should be on your local website. Thank you.

Southeast Region Chapter News

Find out what your ACF Southeast Region chapters have been doing or are planning by visiting their websites or contacting them.

ALABAMA

ACF Birmingham Alabama Chapter: <http://acfbirmingham.com/>

ACF Greater Montgomery Chapter: No information available.

ACF Heart of the Gulf Coast Chefs & Cooks Assn.: Contact Ron Koetter, CEC, CCE, AAC, at (251) 968-3108 or rkoetter@faulknerstate.edu for information.

ACF Metro Mobile Chefs & Cooks Association: Contact Thomas Spence Jr., at (251) 476-6400, ext.7353, for information.

ACF Poarch Creek: Contact Stafford DeCambra, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC, at (251) 446-4373 or sdecambra@acfchefs.net for information.

FLORIDA

ACF Bay Culinarians: <http://www.gulfcoast.edu/culinary>

ACF Caxambas Chapter of Naples & Marco Island:

<http://brigadedecuisine.blogspot.com/>

ACF Central Florida Chapter: www.acfcfc.org

■The General Mills - Inspirations Tasting Event is at 4 pm on March 10 at The Peabody Orlando, 9801 International Drive Orlando.

ACF Daytona Beach Chefs Association: Contact Costa Magoulas, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC, at chefmagoulas@yahoo.com for information.

ACF First Coast Chapter: www.jaxchefs.com

ACF Greater Miami Chapter Epicurean Club: www.acfgreater-miami.org

ACF Gulf to Lakes Chefs & Cooks Assn., Inc.: www.acf-fl201.org

■The Annual Spring Break BBQ is March 12, from 11 am to 5 pm at Jeffrey Rotz's at 1041 Park Drive, Tavares. Call (352) 742-8278 for information.

■The next meeting, hosted by Randal White, CEC, is April 11 at the Hilton Ocala Hotel, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave., Ocala. Call (352) 854-1400 for information.

ACF Northeast Florida Chapter: Contact Dale Robert Ford at (904) 753-1113 or chefford@comcast.net for information.

ACF Palm Beach County Chefs Association: Contact Michael Jasa, CEC, at (954) 444-7176 or ChefMJ1@aol.com for information.

ACF Sarasota Bay Chefs Assn.: www.acfsarasotabaychefs.com

■The next meeting is March 14 at Sarasota Technical Institute. Call Brian D. Knecht, CEC, CCA, AAC, at (941) 924-1365, ext. 62438 for more information.

ACF Space Coast Chapter: Contact Darrin Durham at (321) 409-4800 for information.

ACF St. Augustine Chapter: Contact Brett Harris, CEC, at (904) 824-4401 or chefbharris@yahoo.com for information.

ACF Tallahassee Area Chefs Assn.: www.mysecretchef.info/acf

ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Assn. Inc: www.tampabaychefs.bravehost.com

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the ACF: Contact Christopher Cassel at (239) 931-3149 or chefperfection@aol.com for information.

Fort Lauderdale ACF, Inc: www.acfbrowardchefs.com

■The next meeting is at 6pm on March 14 at Natural Wonders Landscaping & U-Pick it, 5461 Johnson Street, Coconut Creek. Jim Brunner, the owner, will discuss growing hydroponic fruit and vegetables.

GEORGIA

ACF Augusta Chapter: Contact Kathleen Alsheimer Fervan at (706) 771-4084 or fervan@bellsouth.net for information.

ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter, Inc: www.acfatlantachefs.org

■The US Foodservice Cold Food Competition takes place March 15 at Cobb Galleria.

■The 2011 ACF Greater Atlanta Golf Invitational is March 29 at Settindown Creek Golf Course, 5500 Settindown Dr., Roswell. [Register](#)

ACF Golden Isles of Georgia Chapter: Contact Matt Moore at (912) 638-3611 or mattmoore@seaisland.com for information.

ACF Middle Georgia Chefs Association: www.acfmiddlega.org

ACF Triangle Chefs: www.trianglechefs.com

■The Culinary Arts Showcase will take place April 12 at the Raleigh Convention Center.

ACF Western North Carolina Culinary Association: Contact Michael Fahey, CEC, CCE, AAC, at (828) 230-6078 or mrfchef@yahoo.com for information.

KENTUCKY

ACF Kentucky Chapter: <http://www.acfkentucky.org>

Bluegrass Culinary Association ACF: Contact Sam Sears, CEC, CCA, at (859) 233-3736, or ssears09@insightbb.com for information.

Western Kentucky Chefs & Cooks Assn. - ACF: Contact David Jones at (270) 538-0250 or westkychefs@gmail.com for information.

MISSISSIPPI

ACF Choctaw Chapter: Contact Louis Chatham, CEC, AAC, at (251) 253-5017 or lchatham@pcigaming.com for information.

ACF Hattiesburg Chapter: Contact Jim Rowell Jr. at (601) 271-2020 or jrowell@cooks2chefs.com for information.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter ACF: www.gulfcoastacf.com

NORTH CAROLINA

ACF Cape Fear Chefs Assn.: www.capefearchefs.com

ACF Inc. Charlotte Chapter: www.acf-charlotte.org

ACF Crosscreek & Sandhill Chefs Association: Contact Scott Margolis at (910) 692-0378 or imzchef@hotmail.com for information.

ACF Eastern Carolina Chapter: Contact Anthony Garnett at (252) 241-5853 or chefgarnett@yahoo.com for information.

ACF Triad Chapter NC: www.acftriad.org

SOUTH CAROLINA

ACF Chefs of the Low Country: www.acfchefsofthelowcountry.com

ACF Greater Charleston South Carolina Chapter:

<http://charlestonacf.squarespace.com>

ACF Midlands Chapter: <http://acfmidlands.com/>

ACF Myrtle Beach Chapter: www.myrtlebeachacf.com

ACF Pee Dee Chapter: Contact Damian Wanek at (843) 260-4791 or dwanek@florenceciviccenter.com for information.

ACF Upstate South Carolina Chapter: Contact Patrick W Wagner, CCE, at (864) 250-3673 or patrick.wagner@qvltec.edu for information.

TENNESSEE

ACF Chattanooga Chefs & Cooks Association: Contact Richmond Flowers at (423) 991-3687 or rflowers@bradleyschools.org for information.

ACF Greater Memphis Chapter: www.acfmemphis.com
ACF Greater Smokey Mountain Chapter: Contact David Colburn, CEC, at (865) 679-1003 or dhcir57@gmail.com for information.
ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter: www.nashvillechefs.org

VIRGINIA

ACF Blue Ridge Chefs Association: Contact Steve Biery, CCC, at (434) 982-5115 or biery-steve@aramark.com for information.
ACF Southwestern Virginia Chapter: www.swvachefs.org
ACF Tidewater Chefs Chapter: www.tidewateracf.org
ACF Virginia Chefs Association: www.vachefs.org
Old Dominion ACF Chapter: Contact Mark W. Warren CEC, AAC, at (804) 961-5150 or mark.w.warren@us.army.mil for information.
New River Valley Chapter: Contact George Kruse, CCC, at (540) 998-1035 or george@blacksburgcc.com for information.
Classic City Chefs & Cooks Assn.: Contact Christopher McCook, CEC, at (706) 354-7100 or mccookcuisine@yahoo.com for information.

ACF-Sanctioned Culinary Competitions

March 5: ACF Louis Joliet Chapter
Site: Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Ill.
Chair: Frederick Ferrara CEC, CCE; acfcchef@comcast.net; (815) 280-2529
ST2 - Student Team State Competition

March 6: NACUFS Mid-Atlantic Region
Site: Omni Richmond Hotel, Richmond, Va.
Chair: M. Glenn Pruden, mpruden@richmond.edu, (804) 829-8731
Website: dining.richmond.edu/nacufs/home.html
Category - W- Wildcard Customized Category - Individual, 3 courses 4 portions, 3 hour cook time, 15 min plating.

March 6: ACF Epicurean Club of Boston
Site: Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School, Cambridge, Mass.
Chair: Alan Archer, CEC: alan.archer@us.nestle.com; (603) 935-3409
Categories: K1-9, SK1-9, W - Wildcard Category using F2 category guidelines -1 man team with student apprentice, 4 course, 10 portions, 3 hour time frame. Use of Minor's Flavor Concentrate.

March 10: NACUFS Southern Region
Site: Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga.
Chair: Bryan Varin, bvarin@uga.edu, (706) 542-8412
Website: www.nacufs.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3324
Category: W-Customized Category- 4 portions, 1 course, 60 min cook time

March 12: ACF Culinary Arts of Oklahoma
Site: Francis Tuttle Technology Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Chair: Mark Cochran, mcochran@plattcollege.org, (405) 749-2433
Category: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

March 20-21: NACUFS Mid-West Region
Site: Iowa State University Memorial Union Sun Room, Ames, IA
Chair: Everett Phillips, eiphill@iastate.edu, (515) 290-1780
Website: <http://www.dining.iastate.edu/nacufs/culinary-challenge.html>
Categories: W - Wildcard Customized Category - Individual, 4 portions, 1 course, 65 min cook time using Beef Tri-tip.

March 27-29: ACF Colorado Chefs Association NACUFS Culinary Classic
Site: 115 South 2nd Street, Coeur D' Alene, Idaho
Chair: Derek Rice, drice1234@yahoo.com, (970) 405-7474
Category: W- Wildcard Customized Category - Individual, 4 portions, 1 course, 75 min cook time using Beef tri-tip

April 2: ACF Long Island Chapter
Site: Wilson Tech - Western Suffolk BOCES, Dix Hills, N.Y.
Chair: Gerard M. Molloy, gmpastry@gmail.com, (516) 330-3176
Website: www.lichefs.com
Categories: A-D, SA-SD, E1-4, K1-9, SK1-9, P1,2, SP1,2, W- Wildcard Customized Category using category K guidelines, Individual, 1 entrée, 4 portions, 60 min cook time, Use of Minor's product



April 3: Connecticut Chefs Association
Site: Dallas Market Hall, Dallas, Texas
Chair: Patrick Mitchell, CEC, AAC; pdmitchell@benekeith.com; (972) 877-9459
Categories: C, D, SC, SD, W - Wildcard Category -1 Entrée, 4 portions, 60 minutes cook time, 5 min prep time

April 6: Texas Chefs Association - Dallas Chapter
Site: Dallas Market Hall, Dallas, Texas
Chair: Patrick Mitchell CEC, AAC; pdmitchell@benekeith.com; (972) 877-9459
Categories: C, D, SC, SD, W - Wildcard Category -1 Entrée, 4 portions, 60 minutes cook time, 5 min prep time.

April 11-12: Triangle Chefs Association
Site: Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, N.C.
Chair: Caralyn House, cmhouse@waketech.edu, (919) 866-5991
Website: culinaryartsshowcase.waketech.edu/
Categories: A-D, SA-SD, E1-4

April 16-17: Capital District - New York
Site: Schenectady County Community College, Schenectady, N.Y.
Chair: Christopher Allen Tanner CEC, WCC, CHE; tannerca@sunysccc.edu; (518) 381-1444
Categories: A-D, E1-4, F1, 2, 4, 5, 6, G, SG, K1-9, SK1-9, P1,2, SP1, 2

April 16-17: ACF Greater Cincinnati Chapter
Site: Midwest Culinary Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio
Chair: John Kinsella, CMC, john.kinsella@cincinnatiastate.edu; (513) 569-1664; www.mciacf.org
Website: www.mciacf.org
Categories: A-D, SA-SD, E1-4, F1, K1-9, SK1-9, P1, 2, SP1, 2

April 25: Central Maryland Chefs and Cooks Association
Site: 7438 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, Md.
Chair: John V. Johnson CEC, CCE, AAC; jvjohnson1@aacc.edu; (410) 777-1225;
<http://www.acfchefs.org/download/documents/Competitions/StudentTeamManual.pdf>
Category: SC, SK1-9, SP1

May 23-24: ACF Poarch Creek
Site: Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Atmore, Ala.
Chair: Donnah Baptist, dbaptist@pcigaming.com, (601) 497-1693
Categories: A-D, SA-SD, K1

September 22-25: ACF So. Inland Empire Chefs & Cooks Association
Site: The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa, Riverside, Calif.
Chair: James McCullough, jmccullough@missioninn.com, (951) 341-6717
Website: www.culinarysalonriverside.com
Categories: A, D, SA, SD, E1-4, F1, 6, G, SG, ST1, ST2 - Student Team State Competition, K1, 3, 8, 9, SK1, 2, 9, P1, 2, SP1, 2, H1, 3, SH1, 3, W - Wildcard Category - Breakdown Incomplete, SW - Student Wildcard Category - Breakdown Incomplete

