

## Pastry Chef Completes Team

By Kay Orde

ACF Culinary Team USA has finalized the ACF Culinary National Team USA roster with the addition of a pastry chef.

R. Andrew "Andy" Chlebana II, CEPC, CCA, pastry chef at White Eagle Golf Club, Naperville, Ill., and an assistant professor at Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Ill., was named to the team in late April following pastry tryouts at Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, Mich. Chlebana, who was 2008 ACF Pastry Chef of the Year, is a member of ACF Louis Joliet Chapter.

Chlebana joins the following Culinary Team USA members, who were named to the team following hot-food tryouts at Elgin Community College, Elgin, Ill., earlier in the month: Timothy Bucci, CEC, CCE, CHE; Anthony "Ben" Grupe; Joseph Leonardi, CEC; Timothy Prefontaine, CEC; J. Kevin Storm, CEC, CCA, AAC; and Eddie Tancredi.

"Now that we have our full complement of team members, we are ready to move ahead with preparations to compete at the Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg in November," says Steve Jilleba, CMC, CCE, AAC, ACF Culinary Team USA manager. "The next several months will be extremely busy for us as we work not only on honing our cooking skills but on coming together as a team that can truly present the best of U.S. cuisine to the world."

In addition to Jilleba, a team of advisors and coaches will be on hand as team members train for the Culinary World Cup



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Executive Chef  
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and the 2012 *Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung (IKA)*, or "culinary Olympics," in Erfurt, Germany. They all have extensive experience with ACF Culinary Team USA, and bring to the new team a wealth of knowledge about cooking and competing internationally. Advisors to the team are Ferdinand Metz, CMC, WGMC, AAC, HOF, and Keith Keogh, CEC, AAC. Coaches are: Darrin Aoyama, CEPC; Joachim Buchner, CMC; Charles Carroll, CEC, AAC; Patricia

Nash; Gilles Renusson; Richard Rosendale, CEC; and Daniel Scannell, CMC.

"Working with these knowledgeable, talented advisors and coaches is a huge bonus for team members," Jilleba says. "We will go into these competitions knowing that we have not only put the best team in place, but we have given them the support they need to represent the U.S. superbly on the global stage."