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President's Medallions Announced at 2008 ACF National Convention in Las Vegas

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., July 15, 2008— Twenty five chefs were recognized at the 2008 ACF National Convention in Las Vegas, July 14-17, for service to the organization and the culinary profession.

In 1991, Jack Braun, CEC, AAC, then national president of ACF, introduced the presentation of ACF President's Medallions as tokens of appreciation and tribute to people who contribute significantly to the culinary profession. The following are the 2008 recipients.

- **Joachim Buchner, CMC**; executive chef, Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase, Md.; ACF Nations Capital Chefs Association
- **Julia Burnside**; senior manager, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Nassau, Bahamas; Bahamas Culinary Association
- **Margaret Condrasky, CCE**; assistant professor-food service, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.; ACF Upstate South Carolina Chapter
- **Scott Daniels, CEC, CCA**; senior director, dining and culinary; Sodexo, Middletown, Del.; ACF First State Chefs Association
- **Ira Fingerman**; national manager, Lady Aster, Tyson Food Service, Springdale, Ark.; ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians Inc
- **Donald Hauck, CEC, AAC**; chef-instructor, Columbus Culinary Institute, Columbus, Ohio; ACF Columbus Chapter
- **Paul Kampff, CEC**; executive chef, St. Louis Country Club, St. Louis; Chefs de Cuisine Association of St. Louis Inc.
- **Stefan Marcus**; chef-instructor, Midwest Culinary Institute, Cincinnati; ACF Greater Cincinnati Chapter

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- **Rene Marquis, CEC, CCE, PCEC, AAC**; executive chef, U.S. Army, Brandon, Fla.; Old Dominion ACF Chapter
- **Jesse Mercado, CEC, AAC**; retired, Harwood Heights, Ill.; ACF Chicago Chefs of Cuisine Inc.
- **Myles Moody**; Ireland; World Association of Chefs Society
- **Jonathan Moosmiller, CCC**; executive sous chef, Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.; ACF National Chapter
- **Christopher Neary, CEC, CCA**; executive chef, J. Kings Food Service Professionals, Holtsville, N.Y.; ACF Long Island Chapter
- **Michael Norton, CEC, AAC**; executive chef, Eldorado Hotel & Casino, Reno, Nev.; ACF High Sierra Chefs Association
- **Christopher Plemmons, CEC**; chef-instructor, Olympic College Culinary Arts, Bremerton, Wash.; ACF Washington State Chefs Association
- **David Prows, CEC, AAC**; executive chef, Costa Vida, Sandy, Utah; ACF Beehive Chefs Chapter Inc.
- **Jill Russell, CEC, CCE**; chef-instructor, Elgin Community College, Elgin, Ill.; ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians Inc.
- **Garrett Sanborn, CEC, CCE**; chef-instructor, Oldham County Board of Education, Buckner, Ky.; ACF National Chapter
- **James K. Storm, CEC**; executive chef, Bellerive Country Club, St. Louis; Chefs de Cuisine Association of St. Louis Inc.
- **William Tillinghast, CEC, AAC**; director of culinary & pastry programs, The Art Institute of Philadelphia, Philadelphia; ACF Philadelphia Chapter
- **Randy Torres**; director of culinary education, Professional Culinary Institute, Campbell, Calif.; Santa Clara Valley Chapter
- **Charlie Trotter**; chef/proprietor, Charlie Trotter's, Chicago; ACF National Chapter
- **Keriann Von Raesfeld**; student, Professional Culinary Institute, Campbell, Calif.; Santa Clara Valley Chapter
- **Robert Walter, CEC**; assistant director, Goodwill Industries SEW, Great Lakes, Ill.; ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians Inc.
- **Ctefan Wohlfeil**; president, Verband der Köche Deutschlands, Frankfurt, Germany; World Association of Chefs Society

Chosen for its fine cuisine and world-famous entertainment, Las Vegas was the location of the 2008 ACF National Convention. Bringing more than 2,000 chefs, cooks, foodservice professionals to the city, the convention provided attendees with numerous opportunities to advance their professional development and enhance their culinary skills through informative workshops and seminars, cutting-edge demonstrations, a trade show featuring approximately 150 exhibitors, national competitions and national-award presentations. The sold-out third annual Certified Master Chefs dinner featured ACF Culinary Team USA.

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 21,500 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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