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Anthony Lauri, CEC, AAC, Named Winner of National 2008 Phillips Foods Recipe Contest

St. Augustine, Fla., July 16, 2008—Anthony Lauri, certified executive chef (CEC), American Academy of Chefs (AAC), of Miami Gardens, Fla., was named the winner of the 2008 Phillips Foods Recipe Contest at the American Academy of Chefs (AAC) 37th Annual Induction Dinner, July 13. The dinner took place during the 2008 American Culinary Federation (ACF) National Convention in Las Vegas.

Phillips king crab meat was the special ingredient in the 2008 Phillips Foods Recipe Contest conducted by the American Academy of Chefs. The contest was open to all of ACF's 21,500 members. At each of ACF's four regional conferences one recipe was chosen by AAC culinary advisor Steve Jilleba, CMC, CCE, AAC, and the chef was awarded a \$500 prize. At the national convention, ACF Culinary Youth Team USA prepared the four winning recipes and presented them to a panel of judges, led by Jilleba. The judges evaluated taste, ease in preparation, creativity and clarity of cooking instructions before determining the national winner.

Lauri won the grand prize of \$1,000 for his Phillips King Crabmeat Lettuce Wraps. He is executive chef at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., and a member of ACF Greater Miami Epicurean Club. He also serves the ACF as an AAC southeast regional director.

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.

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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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