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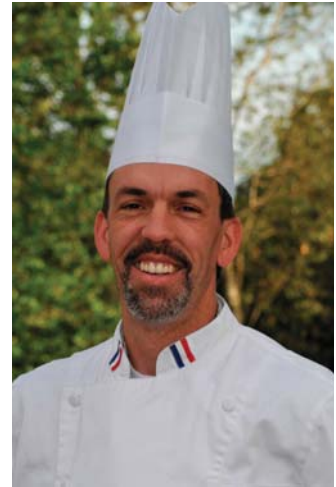
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### **Valencia Community College Chef-Instructor Kenneth Bourgoïn, CEC, Receives 2010 ACF Southeast Region Chef Educator of the Year Award**

**ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., April 27, 2010**—Kenneth Bourgoïn, certified executive chef (CEC), of Longwood, Fla., received the 2010 American Culinary Federation, Inc. (ACF) Southeast Region Chef Educator of the Year award at the 2010 ACF Southeast Regional Conference held at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, Ala., April 24-26. Bourgoïn is a chef-instructor at Valencia Community College, Orlando, Fla.



The 2010 ACF Southeast Region Chef Educator of the Year award pays tribute to an active culinary educator whose knowledge, skills and expertise have given culinary students leadership and guidance for the future. As this year's Southeast Region recipient, Bourgoïn will vie for the national title against three other candidates at the 2010 ACF National Convention in Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 2-5. Candidates will each give a lecture/demonstration before a panel of judges who will decide the winner.

Bourgoïn uses his more than 20 years of culinary-industry experience to teach the next generation of chefs at Valencia Community College, where he has worked since 1998. He has coached the school's competition team for seven years, leading students to win five state bronze medals, two silver medals and state championship titles in 2008 and 2009. He has been an ACF member since 1990, and is a member of ACF Central Florida Chapter.

Prior to joining the staff at Valencia Community College, he worked as operations manager/executive chef at Visual Cuisines, Altamonte Springs, Fla.; as executive chef at Edibles Etc. Corporate Catering, Altamonte Springs; and as prep chef at Walt Disney World parks and resorts, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Bourgoïn earned an associate degree in culinary arts from Southern New Hampshire University, Hookset, N.H. His coworkers describe him as an enthusiastic educator who is willing to serve. He not only encourages students to learn, but also strives to improve his own expertise.

The 2010 ACF Southeast Regional Conference, hosted by ACF Birmingham Alabama Chapter, brought hundreds of chefs, cooks and foodservice professionals to Birmingham. The conference provided attendees with opportunities to advance their professional development and enhance their culinary skills through business seminars, cooking demonstrations featuring the latest trends and techniques, cooking competitions and awards.

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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 22,000 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, and to the Chef & Child Foundation, 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).

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