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**ACF Culinary Team USA Places and Wins Gold at Culinary World Cup**

St. Augustine, Fla., December 4, 2006-American Culinary Federation's (ACF) Culinary Team USA, the official representative team for the United States in major international and national culinary competitions, placed fifth overall and won two gold medals at the EXPOGAST 2006 Culinary World Cup international culinary competition in Luxembourg from November 18-22.

Amidst 24 national teams, 10 military teams, scores of regional and private teams, and 400 individuals competing in an attempt to show the rest of the world whose cuisine is the best, ACF Culinary Team USA excelled in Expogast's 2006 Culinary World Cup's four-day intense culinary competition. With only a small margin of points separating the top contenders, ACF Culinary Team USA placed fifth overall. ACF Culinary Team USA also won two gold medals, one in hot-food competition and one in cold-food competition.

"Every four years the competition's culinary standards are raised and new precedents are set," said Edward Leonard, certified master chef (CMC), American Academy of Chefs (AAC), ACF Culinary Team USA manager and executive chef, Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y. "The team exceeded those standards by winning two gold medals, and continues to be recognized and respected as a culinary leader on the international level. It is also important to note that the team won its third consecutive gold medal in international competition in the hot kitchen category."

ACF Culinary Team USA boasts three certified master chefs, of which there are only 61 in the country, and has already become a top contender on the world culinary stage. The team was declared the world champions in hot-food cooking at the 21st Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung International Culinary Art Competition, also known as the "culinary Olympics," and won gold in the hot-food and cold-food competitions at the Salon Culinare Mondial 2005 in Basel, Switzerland.

Leonard is joined by five other members who round out the team: Richard Rosendale, certified culinarian (CC), ACF Culinary Team USA captain and chef/owner, Rosendales, Columbus, Ohio; Jamie Keating, certified chef de cuisine (CCC), chef/owner, Gourmet Events and the River Mill Event Center, Columbus, Ga.; Joachim Buchner, CMC, executive chef, Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase, Md.; Daniel Scannell, CMC, executive chef, Carnegie Abbey Club, Portsmouth, R.I.; and Patricia Nash, pastry chef, Westchester Country Club.

The 2006 Culinary World Cup competition was held November 18-22, and occurred during two major tradeshows, EXPOGAST and Salon du Chocolat. The competition, held every four years, is one of five major international culinary competitions sanctioned by the World Association of Chefs Societies.



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