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Learn, Network, Eat, Compete
Please join Skidmore College as they host their 4th Annual ACF Culinary Conference and Competition. Again this year, the event will include three-days of numerous opportunities to advance your professional development and enhance your culinary skills through presentations, culinary demonstrations (featuring unique trends and techniques), tastings, networking and concluding with a ACF sanctioned culinary competition.

Culinary Competition
The culinary competition is classified as an ACF Category W Market Basket Competition. Each four-person team will be required to prepare a four-course menu of either four appetizers or salads; four soups or desserts; four entrées with the appropriate starch/vegetable and accompaniment, as well as one buffet platter serving 10 with two plated servings, one for the judges and one for the photo shoot. Of the four plated servings prepared, three will be for the judges to taste and one will be for photo/critique/press. ACF Medals will be awarded.

For an additional challenge, Nestlé Professional will be independently judging the team for the most creative use of a Minor’s product throughout the Team’s menu. Nestlé will present the winning team with a prize at the awards ceremony.

Culinary Competition/ACF Judges

Lead Judge:
Fritz Sonnenschmidt, CMC, AAC, HOF
Noble Masi: CMB, CEPC, AAC, HOF
Michael Morgan: CEC, AAC
Victor Sommo: CEC
James G. Rhoads III: CEC, AAC

Team Registration Fee: $650
Registration fee (for each four person team) includes exceptional meals, presentations, demonstrations, entry into the ACF competition and an opportunity to highlight your culinary expertise.

Hotel Accommodations
Saratoga Springs Hampton Inn & Suites (Special Room Rate $114 per night)
25 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866 Tel: 518-384-2100

Due to space limitations we can only accept the first eleven (11) teams, so be sure to register early (at this link) to secure your place.