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### **FACTSHEET**

**ASSOCIATION NAME:** ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians

**FOUNDED:** 2003

**HEADQUARTERS:** Union League Club of Chicago  
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**MEMBERSHIP:** Approximately 250 active, junior/student, associate, allied, retired and honorary members.

**DESCRIPTION:** ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians is a chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), Inc., based in St. Augustine, Fla. ACF is the largest organization of professional chefs in the Western Hemisphere, and represents the United States in the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS).

ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians represents chefs and cooks throughout northeastern Illinois, and is one of the fast-growing chapters of ACF. In 2007, three national ACF award candidates are members of ACF WCPC, and will compete for national titles at ACF's National Convention in Orlando, Fla., in July.

**DISTINCTIONS:** 2007 Chef of the Year, ACF's Central Region: Matthew Southard, executive chef, Prestwick Country Club, Frankfort, Ill., and vice president, ACF WCPC.

2007 Pastry Chef of the Year, ACF's Central Region: Michelle Garcia, chef/owner, The Bleeding Heart Bakery, Chicago.

2007 Educator of the Year, ACF's Central Region: Michael Artlip, CEC, CCE, chairman, associate of applied science (AAS) culinary-arts degree program, Kendall College, Chicago.

2007 ACF Chapter Achievement Award, most new members.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

Typically the third Monday except in July, August and December. Meetings are free for all interested, except February's, which is the association's annual awards gala. June's annual meeting is highlighted by an outdoor barbecue.