A PLEASANT REPAST
World Association of Chefs Societies recognizes Keiser

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Keiser University
James McGuinness, dean of the Keiser University Melbourne's dean of Culinary Arts, shows off the plaque his program earned from the World Association of Chefs Societies.

The World Association of Chefs Societies has accepted Keiser University's Center for Culinary Arts for inclusion in its Recognition of Quality Culinary Education Program, according to a news release from the university.

A WACS Education Review Panel reviewed information provided by the KU Center for Culinary Arts and determined the Melbourne, Sarasota and Tallahassee campuses meet and in some cases exceed WACS Standards of Quality Culinary Education.

Chef Michael Baskette, assistant Continental director for the Americas with WACS made a plaque presentation at the Melbourne campus last month.
"Keiser University's inclusion in this program will provide our students with a broader range of topics of concern to aspiring culinarians and enhance their global perspective on food," said Chef James McGuinness, dean of Culinary Arts at Keiser University in Melbourne.

Keiser University began offering the culinary arts program at the Tallahassee campus in 1998 and after 2003 was approved to begin the program at the Melbourne campus, according to the news release. Sarasota followed after 2005. Currently, enrollment between the three campuses is close to 200.

Keiser University Center for Culinary Arts is accredited by the American Culinary Federation.