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**Keiser University’s Center for Culinary Arts has Earned Exemplary Status**

*All three culinary programs now have been awarded exemplary status*

Sarasota, FL—Feb. 2016— Keiser University’s Center for Culinary Arts at the Sarasota campus has received final word from the ACF (American Culinary Federation) after their recent accreditation visit in November of 2015 that the Culinary Arts program was awarded seven years and exemplary status from the ACF Education Foundation.

Exemplary status is reserved for programs with no finding on two consecutive visits so this is a very proud accomplishment for all three programs which now have exemplary status – Sarasota, Melbourne, and Tallahassee.

“This is a terrific achievement and each of our three culinary arts programs worked very hard to attain this level of excellence. We are equally proud of our Baking and Pastry Arts program at the Sarasota campus that, after their first visit, was awarded seven years,” stated Chef Michael Moench, M.S.Ed., CEC Dean of Culinary Arts.

A final feather in the cap for the Center for Culinary Arts at the Sarasota campus is that Chef Moench, due to the accreditation status, has been asked to be a lead evaluator for the ACF with regards to culinary accreditation.

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