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UB Chef Named ACF Chapter President

UB Chef Neal Plazio nominated to two-year term; American Culinary Federation of Greater Buffalo

(Buffalo, NY) – Campus Dining and Shops (CDS) at the University at Buffalo (UB) is pleased to announce that UB Executive Chef Neal Plazio has been named President of the American Culinary Federation (ACF) - Greater Buffalo Chapter for a two-year term.

Chef Plazio has been in the food and beverage industry for over forty years and obtained his degree from Baltimore International Culinary College. As the executive chef for UB Campus Dining and Shops for the past year, he oversees five chefs in three Residential Dining Centers and provides food management for retail and catering operations. He recently obtained his Certified Executive Chef (CEC) title, which is designated by the ACF to chefs who have demonstrated a level of culinary competence and expertise through their education, work experience, culinary knowledge and skills that is consistent with the executive chef level.



Chef Plazio's resume includes The Chef's Table, an in-home personal chef business and restaurant for eleven years. During this time, he also served as a Culinary Arts adjunct professor at Erie Community College. Prior to that, Chef Plazio gained experience at 3-star steakhouses and as Executive Chef for Beaver Hollow Conference Center in Java, NY.

ACF is the largest professional chefs organization in North America, made up of more than 20,000 members who belong to more than 200 chapters in four regions across the United States. ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and programmatic accreditation designed to enhance professional growth for all current and future chefs and pastry chefs.

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UB's Campus Dining & Shops' (CDS) primary purpose is to offer a variety of high quality, high value, and innovative dining options designed to fit the varied lifestyles and nutritional needs of the university community. Serving foods from local growers, striving to achieve sustainability, and expanding the availability of dining choices are ways that we enrich the dining experience. We challenge our experienced and knowledgeable employees daily to provide exemplary customer service. CDS is a multi-unit company employing over 1,200 people. In addition to providing the university's dining services, CDS also serves the UB community through management of the UB Card Office, Three Pillars Catering, Retail and Convenience Stores, and Vending. In our day-to-day operations we rely on inherent core values: quality items, value prices, environmentally friendly settings, ethical treatment of all, and conducting all phases of our business with integrity.