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Zinnel Named Chef of the Year

Ocean City, Maryland - December 14, 2010—Charlene Zinnel, chef-instructor of the culinary arts program at the Dorchester Career and Technology Center in Cambridge, Maryland was recognized by her peers as the Chef of the Year for the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Chapter of the American Culinary Federation.

The Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association - Chef of the Year Award pays tribute to an active culinary educator whose knowledge, skills and expertise have given culinary students the leadership skills and guidance needed for the future.

Charlene Zinnel, an ACF Sous chef (CSC) and culinary educator (CCE), is a graduate of the Culinary Arts program at Wor-Wic Community College. She began her teaching career at Parkside - CTE in Salisbury in 1992. She became an instructor at Easton High School in 1999 and began teaching at the Dorchester Career and Technology Center in 2004. Ms. Zinnel is also the sponsor of DCTC's SkillsUSA chapter.

Ms. Zinnel attended the American Culinary Federation's National Conference in Anaheim, California in the summer of 2010. She also attended First Lady, Michelle Obama's launch of the "Chefs Move to Schools" program on June 4th of this past year.

Zinnel lead the effort to have DCTC recognized as an ACF certified training facility. This important recognition adds value to the culinary education that Dorchester County students receive at DCTC.

The American Culinary Federation, Inc. (ACF), established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in America. With nearly 20,000 members and 240 chapters nationwide, ACF offers educational resources, training, professional certification, apprenticeship and accreditation programs. In addition, the ACF is the presidium for the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS), the international network of chefs associations, with more than eight million members globally.

Ms. Zinnel was recognized for this outstanding accomplishment by the Dorchester County Board of Education on January 20, 2011.