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## **Chef-Instructor Named Educator of the Year**

Chef-Instructor Stephen Sparks, of South Seattle Community College, has been named “Educator of the Year.”

Sparks was formally recognized as the “Post-Secondary Educator of the Year” by the Foodservice Educator's Network International (FENI), a leading professional organization in the foodservice and hospitality industry.

Sparks was honored among more than 150 of his peers at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Foodservice Educators Network International summit, held at the Orlando Culinary Academy.

Sparks is very active in the success of South Seattle Community College’s highly regarded Culinary Arts program. He is involved in fundraising and improving the facilities students train in, playing a key role in the college’s capital campaign that saw the addition of the new Food Services of America Teaching and Demonstration Kitchen, and a redesigned dining room. He was also a leader in creation of a new program at the college – the recently opened Northwest Wine Academy, a first-of-its-kind program in Western Washington.

“Quality instruction is important to us at South Seattle Community College,” said Dr. Jill Wakefield, college president. “With instructors like Chef Sparks and their dedication and expertise, area industry can be assured that our students and their future employees are among the best trained in the region.”

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