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Faculty Appointed to National Foundation Board

Chef-Instructor David Wasson has been named to the American Culinary Federation's national board of directors of the Chef and Child Foundation.

The Chef & Child Foundation was created "...to educate and assist the family in understanding proper nutrition and to be the voice of the American Culinary Federation in its fight against childhood hunger." The American Culinary Federation also provides accreditation for culinary programs, which South Seattle Community College has attained, affirming that it has met or exceeded industry standards.

It's no mistake that Chef-Instructor David Wasson was named to the Chef and Child Foundation's board of directors. It is a result of his extended work with children. Wasson has written a 10-week curriculum for American Culinary Federation that teaches five- to 12-year-old at-risk children how to cook. It is used in federation chapters across America. He has also taught chefs at the federation's national conventions how to teach using the curriculum.

Wasson has additionally served as the American Culinary Federation's Washington state Childhood Hunger Delegate in Washington, D.C. and worked to get Governor Mike Lowry to declare October 14 Childhood Hunger Day, a practice that is continuing to this day. This work resulted in Wasson being awarded the "True Spirit Award" in 2005, which is presented once a year to a person or American Culinary Federation chapter, recognizing extraordinary effort to aid children. He was also a recipient of the award in 2000.

As a member of the national board of directors of the Chef and Child Foundation, Wasson's duties will include raising public awareness through fundraising and publicity efforts, and lobbying Congress on specific bills. The national board also directly oversees all the local chapters of the American Culinary Federation, including the Washington State Chefs Association in Seattle, and their Chef and Child Foundation activities. Local efforts include activities such as food bank cooking demonstrations, showing recipients on site how to make healthy meals from their box of food.

South Seattle Community College has been educating tomorrow's chefs in its Culinary Arts Program for more than 30 years. The tradition of excellence continues with its Northwest Wine Academy, a one-of-a-kind program in Western Washington, and the newly minted Bachelor's of Applied Science in Hospitality Business Management, which is set to debut in fall 2007.

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