I am privileged to have served NACUFS in many ways for the past 40 years...I don’t look at my work as a job or my position as one of importance. I look at my work as an investment in the lives of our students and my position as one of service to, and influence in, those same lives.

Terry Waltersdorf  
Director of Dining Services  
Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary

Being recognized by our colleagues in the industry is a great honor. It speaks to our management team’s commitment to the college, the student body, our front-line staff and each other.

Richard Reynolds  
Executive Chef  
The College at Brockport

Throughout the foodservice industry, no one understands us, the college food service operators, the way our NACUFS industry members do. I’ve enjoyed working with consultants, suppliers, producers, designers, and tech solutions providers. You all helped me grow and get better at what I do.

Patti Klos  
Director of Dining and Business Services  
Tufts University
RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN COLLEGIATE DINING

Find information about our 2020 awards, their guidelines, and how to apply.
Each year, NACUFS gives out several national recognition awards to honor individuals and organizations for their outstanding service to the association and its membership.

Nominate yourself or a colleague for one of these prestigious awards online.

Apply at www.NACUFS.org/recognition

BECOME RECOGNIZED AS A LEADER IN THE FOODSERVICE INDUSTRY

AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE YOU

Theodore W. Minah Distinguished Service Award
Originally established in 1967, this award is NACUFS’ most prestigious award. It is presented annually in recognition of exemplary and enduring contributions to the foodservice industry and the association, and is the highest honor that NACUFS can bestow.

David R. Prentkowski Distinguished Lifetime Member Award
This award honors individuals retired from a college or university foodservice leadership position or a position that has supported the betterment of college and university foodservices.

Daryl Van Hook Industry Award
This award is presented annually to an industry member based on outstanding support and service to the association.

Additionally, NACUFS leaders select the recipients for the following awards:

Richard Lichtenfelt Award
This award recognizes outstanding service to NACUFS as selected by the association’s president.

Regional Directors’ Distinguished Service Award
This award recognizes outstanding service to the association as selected by the regional directors.

Individual award nominations are due January 31, 2020.

Patrick McBride
2019 Daryl Van Hook Industry Award winner
Showcase your success and share your ideas with your industry peers.

Win an award for your dining program, gain national recognition, and instill a sense of pride and team spirit with your dining staff.

Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards

This award is the ultimate professional tribute in college and university culinary arts, with honors in six categories for every program size. Award winners gain national recognition when winning this highly regarded dining contest.

Each year’s contest entries are evaluated by a team of judges who have at least five years of foodservice experience. The winners are displayed at the NACUFS national conference and are publicly recognized at a luncheon culminating with the announcement of the grand prize winners.

Each category has its own set of submission requirements and judging criteria.

- Residential Dining Concepts
- Residential Dining Facility
- Residential Dining – Special Event
- Retail Sales – Single Concept/Multiple Concepts/Marketplace
- Catering – Special Event
- Catering – Online Menu

Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards entries are due March 31, 2020

To view the complete entry packet including the official entry forms, please visit the website at:

www.NACUFS.org/recognition
Sustainability Awards

These unique awards celebrate campus foodservice departments that demonstrate leadership in promoting and implementing environmentally friendly practices. Award categories include procurement practices, energy and water conservation, waste management, materials and resources, and outreach and education.

Nutrition and Sustainability Award entries are due March 31, 2020.

Nutrition Awards

Highlighting nutrition and wellness programs and outstanding recipes, these awards allow schools to showcase their successes. Categories include best vegan recipe, and most innovative wellness and nutrition program.

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Culinary Challenge

NACUFS Culinary Challenges feature exciting, live competitions where the individual competitors face off against the clock to prepare a creative entrée featuring the mandatory ingredients, Cornish hen and black beluga lentils to create an original, nutritious, appetizing, and inviting plate.

Enter by January 17, 2020 to compete in your regional culinary challenge competition!

Regional winners will then move on to compete in the 2020 National Culinary Challenge, taking place on July 9, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia during the National Conference.

Competitors will be judged by a group of American Culinary Federation (ACF) certified judges on their organization, cooking skills, culinary technique, taste, and style, and earn ACF medals based on their individual performance.

Visit the culinary challenge page at NACUFS.org for complete information and rules.

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