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AVTEC Earns Culinary Reaccreditation

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Vocational Technical Center's Alaska Culinary Academy has earned a five-year reaccreditation by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation's Accrediting Commission. The Academy has been accredited since 2006.

"The designation means our program is among the best in our region and the country," AVTEC Director Fred Esposito said. "The Alaska Culinary Academy's recognition by the American Culinary Federation is a key component to our commitment to excellence."

The reaccreditation is the culmination of almost a year of work and visits between the ACF and AVTEC. An American Culinary Federation accreditation team visited Seward in October to evaluate the Academy. During the three-day visit, they evaluated all aspects of the Academy's operation, and the culinary training programs' curriculum and delivery against ACF standards.

Accreditation establishes standards, accountability, credibility, up-to-date practices and a high level of professionalism. It assures students that the institution and staff are qualified to teach and that the participants will attain a certain level of proficiency through a quality education. ACF is recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.

AVTEC offers 16 long-term training programs ranging from six weeks to 11 months and roughly 60 short-term training programs that take from a week to six weeks to complete. AVTEC's main campus is in Seward. Classes for the school's Allied Health program are held in Anchorage. Remote-site and distance-delivery classes in nearly all AVTEC's training programs are available statewide.

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