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AVTEC Culinary Chefs Recognized as Best in Alaska

(Juneau, AK) – Two chefs on the Alaska Vocational Technical Center instructional staff were recently honored by their peers.

Chef Robert Wilson, AVTEC's Culinary Academy department head, was named the Alaska Culinary Association's Chef of the Year on Monday at the association's annual gala at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage.

Chef Kevin Lane, another AVTEC instructor, competed in The Ultimate Chef Alaska contest April 30 at the Egan Center in Anchorage. To be eligible, Lane had submitted a "classic" menu for a four-course meal for three people that could be prepared in an hour. From the menus that were submitted, three chefs from around the state were chosen and invited to compete for the title of Ultimate Chef Alaska. The judging was based on food quality, presentation and creativity. Lane won the title of Ultimate Chef Alaska.

"This is well-deserved recognition for Chef Wilson and Chef Lane. Now the rest of the state is aware of the exceptional talent of these two fine instructors that we at AVTEC have appreciated for years," said Dick Harrell, the school's acting director.

Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said, "AVTEC has an excellent Culinary Department offering exceptional training for Alaskans interested in culinary careers. This recognition demonstrates the quality of our instructors."

In addition to the Culinary program in Seward, 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. Information is available online at avtec.edu. Click on the "Training Programs/Courses" link. Or call (800) 478-5389.

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 to people statewide.

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