

SAVE THE DATE! ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTHCARE FOODSERVICE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS JUNE 19 - 23 IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Louisville, KY (March 29, 2012) – The Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF), the only national professional association dedicated to operators and business partners in the self-operated healthcare foodservice industry, will host its annual conference June 19 - 23 in Miami, Florida, at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa. With a theme of **Charting Your Course – Steering with the Current, Rising with the Tide**, the conference will feature educational seminars on professional development and industry issues, interactive events, networking opportunities, national speakers and a highly anticipated culinary competition. Conference registration is open on AHF's newly redesigned website: www.healthcarefoodservice.org.

Some of the **AHF Annual Conference** highlights include:

Culinary Competition, sponsored by Tyson Food Service

The AHF Annual Culinary Competition will be held on Thursday, June 21. The competing culinary teams from across the country will consist of a chef and foodservice director from a healthcare facility. The creativity and competitive spirit will be high at this event! Registrations are due by **Friday, April 13, 2012**.

Awards Program

The 2012 AHF Awards Program is open for nominations. AHF Awards include: Lifetime Achievement, Making a Difference, Exemplary Leadership, Partnership Leadership, Spotlight, Future Horizons, AHF Publication and Presidential Special Services. More information is available on the website. All nominations are due by Friday, **April 13, 2012**.

Featured Speakers

Bertice Berry, Ph.D., sociologist, lecturer, educator and author of *I'm On My Way, But Your Foot Is On My Head* and *A Year to Wellness*, will kick off the AHF conference. **Laura Schwartz**, author of *Eat, Drink & Succeed* and former White House director of events for the Clinton Administration, has created and executed more than 1,000 White House events. Other featured conference presenters include: **Jeffrey G. Micklos**, Federation of American Hospitals; **Harry Balzer**, The NPD Group; **Lt. Col. Rob 'Waldo' Waldman**, Author and Motivational Speaker; and a panel of healthcare executives.

Business Partner Exhibits

On Wednesday, June 20, nearly 100 companies representing all facets of the healthcare foodservice industry will be available for attendees to learn more about their products and services.

There are still a few booth spaces remaining if any potential exhibitor is interested in participating this year please contact Lorraine Houghton at lhoughton@hqtrs.com or 502-574-9036 for more information on exhibitors and sponsorships.

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The Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF) is the national professional association dedicated to advancing self-operated healthcare foodservice as industry best practice. AHF develops healthcare foodservice professionals, assuring food and nutrition services are valued as an essential contributor to the healthcare organization's mission. For more information, please visit: www.healthcarefoodservice.org.