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Culinary Symposium 2026

Event Overview

The Culinary Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Attendees are encouraged to save the date and preregister as early as possible.

Organizers

This event is organized by ACF Philadelphia DVCA Chefs in collaboration with the Chef team at The Chase Center. Together, they are developing a comprehensive education day that allows participants to earn 8 hours of continuing education (8 CEHs).

Eligibility and Attendance

All industry professionals are welcome to attend, and membership is not required. The event is designed to be inclusive and beneficial for anyone in the culinary field.

Location & Directions

The symposium will be held at [The Chase Center on The Riverfront in Wilmington, Delaware.](#)

[815 Justison St, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.](#)

Parking is free, and the center is conveniently located just five minutes from the I-95 exit. For those using public transportation, the Amtrak rail station is within walking distance, and Uber services are also available. Three Hotels in walking distance.

Registration

[Preregistration](#) is required by March 17th, 2026. Full registration includes access to educational seminars, vendor breaks, and meals throughout the day.

Event Schedule

- Attendee Check-In: 8:00 AM—Continental Breakfast and Vendor Showcase
- First Presenter: 9:30 AM
- Lunch Buffet: 12:30 PM
- Knowledge Bowl for Students: Time to be determined (early afternoon)



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- Hands-On Presentations: Side room sessions
- Dinner Buffet: 6:00 PM

Inclusions

- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch Buffet
- Dinner Buffet
- Educational seminars and vendor breaks (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Seminars and Venue Features

Educational seminars are currently in the planning stage. These sessions will be projected onto two large screens on either side of the stage, utilizing multiple camera angles and improved audio throughout the room to enhance the learning experience. Seating will be arranged conference style, with additional seating available during mealtimes. Vendors will be positioned around the conference center room to facilitate networking and engagement.

To further support attendee engagement, the conference will also feature interactive Q&A sessions following each seminar, allowing participants to connect directly with presenters and discuss key topics in real time. Additionally, networking lounges will be available throughout the day, offering informal spaces for attendees to collaborate and share insights with peers.

There are openings for Educators, Vendors and Event/Meal Sponsorships. Your company may wish to join us. And I will be sending more details.

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Registration Details

Registration Process for ACF Members:

- When registering, all ACF members must provide their ACF ID Number.
- After registration, your Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) will be automatically updated by the national office.

Registration Fees and Categories

ACF Registered Professionals

- Early Bird Rate: \$120.00
- Register by February 21st.
- Standard Rate: \$135.00
- Register by March 14th.

Industry Guests

- Guest Rate: \$150.00

Students

- Early Bird Rate: \$80.00
- Register by February 21st. Documentation required.
- Standard Rate: \$100.00
- Register by March 14th, 2026.

Vendor Registration

- Vendor Rate: \$225.00 includes meals
- Includes one table, one black tablecloth, two chairs, and one 110V electric outlet.
- Additional Electricity: \$100.00
- For electric requirements over 110V, arrangements must be made in advance.
- Documentation: Vendors are required to provide proof of liability insurance.

Tickets can be purchased through <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/culinary-educational-symposium-2nd-annual-march-24-2026-acf-philadelphia-dvca>



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