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Rosen College Chef to Tantalize Tastebuds at Legends, Mentors & Friends

Prestigious event celebrates female chefs

Orlando, FL (February 11, 2019) UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management will be an integral participant of The Third Annual Legends, Mentors & Friends on March 10, 2019, at Lake Meadow Farm in Ocoee. Chef Jennifer Hostetter, an adjunct instructor at Rosen College, with 20 years experience in the food industry, has been asked to prepare a passed appetizer for the once-a-year special dining experience, which benefits the James Beard Foundation.

The College received an invitation to have a female chef participate in the Legends event from long-time foodie Heather McPherson, on behalf of Chef Kathleen Blake and The Rusty Spoon, host of the event. What's more, the celebrated James Beard chefs participating in Legends, Mentors & Friends, will be using the Rosen College kitchen labs to prep their dishes the day before the event.

Our participant, Chef Jennifer Hostetter, holds a Master's degree in Food Culture and Communications from the University of Gastronomic Sciences in Colorno, Italy; a B.A. in History from Covenant College on Lookout Mountain, Georgia; and an A.S. in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University in Charleston, South Carolina. She is a member of the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), an academic organization committed to interdisciplinary scholarship in food studies.

"I am extremely excited to have this opportunity to share my talents in the kitchen and be included in wetting the appetites of the guests at Legends, Mentors & Friends." Said Chef Hostetter. "The roster of women who will be cooking are award-winning chefs and I am truly honored to have been invited to participate."

Chef Hostetter currently teaches Techniques of Food Production to Rosen College students. She honed her cooking skills working in various fine-dining restaurant and catering kitchens in Charleston, South Carolina; St. Louis, Missouri; and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Chef Hostetter served as a Food Editor and Manager of Recipe Development for a large multi-national Marketing Corporation in the supermarket industry. She also worked as a Research and Development Consultant for Tavistock Restaurants. She has published articles for a variety of academic, marketing and lifestyle publications on topics such as Food Ethics, Food and Punishment, Food Culture and Cuisine, and more. She currently runs her own Catering and Personal Chef Business, and she teaches cooking classes at Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando, Florida.

The Third Annual Legends, Mentors & Friends celebrates and supports the James Beard Foundation's work in advancing women in the culinary industry. It is a seated four-course dinner that takes place on the beautiful grounds of Lake Meadow Naturals farm and will feature food from James Beard Foundation Award-winning women chefs and restaurateurs from across the country. Tickets are \$150 per person. This event benefits [JBF's Women's Leadership Programs](#).



Pictured Chef Jennifer Hostetter

About the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management

The UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management located in Orlando, offers students an unrivaled opportunity to learn and work in the heart of hospitality. Ranked among the top five hospitality management programs worldwide, Rosen College has been an educational leader for over 30 years. Uniquely positioned in America's top tourism destination, we educate the next generation of industry leaders through internationally-recognized faculty, innovative academic programs, cutting-edge research and strong industry and community partnerships. To learn more, visit hospitality.ucf.edu.

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