

# Sponsors 2011 ACF Culinary Challenge in Las Vegas

(St. Louis, MO) March 15, 2011 Earlier this month, the **American Culinary Federation (ACF)**, hosted a 2-day, professional-grade competition in Las Vegas, Nevada. Chefs from around the world, representing some of the best restaurants, country clubs, and culinary institutes competed, head-to-head, in 6 different food categories. This competition was held in concert with the 2011 Catersource annual trade show.

**Anchor Packaging**, the leading manufacturer of upscale takeout containers, was the overall sponsor of the event. As part of a unique challenge designed by the ACF, Chefs from the 6 categories were required to prepare and plate their culinary creations in an Anchor Packaging **Culinary Classic** To-Go container.

“In today’s economy, many consumers are utilizing takeout from their favorite restaurants, as a substitute for dine-in”, said **Anchor Vice President of Marketing, Michael Thaler**. “These consumers are expecting a presentation and a culinary experience that is consistent with what they have come to expect during their dine-in occasions”.

In addition to the medals and cash awards provided by the ACF in each category, Anchor Packaging offered a \$1,000 prize for the “Best takeout experience created by any Chef” during the competition. The winner of this special award was **Chef Samantha Caves** of North Bena, Oregon. Chef Caves is currently employed at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute.

To further demonstrate its support of the ACF and the Culinary Arts, Anchor sponsored **Chef Ashlie Haines** of Chesterfield, Missouri in this world-class event. Ms. Haines is employed at Cardwell’s, a well-known restaurant in the St Louis area. Chef Haines was awarded First Place in her category, and received her first ACF medal.

Anchor Packaging’s product line includes a broad variety of upscale take-out packaging used restaurants and other foodservice operations, as well as, containers for merchandising prepared ready-to-heat meals in supermarkets deli cup containers, all-purpose foodservice cling wrap. **AnchorFoil® rolls, pop-up sheet and pans, Culinary Classics®, Culinary Basics®, MicroRaves®, Incredi-Bowl®, MicroRounds®, the Roaster®, Gourmet Classics®, Microlite®, Bon Faire®, and Deli View®** are among Anchor’s unique product lines. Anchor also provides custom package design and manufacture for many large food companies in the U.S. and Canada.