



# A Solid Foundation

- Ensuring that people who work in catering and events are regarded as true professionals.
- Encouraging young people to pursue careers in the catering and events field.
- Reaching out to groom a new generation of leaders.



When Vince DeFinis, one of the founders of the National Association of Catering Executives, began his career, these were his goals. And they remain the objectives of the Foundation of NACE today.

**Get involved today.** And you can help make sure that for generations to come, the world of catering and events will thrive. . .

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## Friends of the Foundation or Sponsors

To carry out our mission we need your support today. Become a Friend of the Foundation by contributing to the Foundation of NACE. You can find more information and a donor form on our web site [www.nace.net](http://www.nace.net).

### Be a part of something bigger.

The Foundation of NACE was established as a domestic nonprofit corporation on January 30, 1985 in the state of California and received recognition by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable entity on December 18, 1986, with the leadership of NACE member and past president Peter Gunther, CPCE.

The specific purpose of the Foundation is to provide a vehicle for tax-deductible contributions by members of the industry and the community at large to provide grants to universities to develop university-level programs for the catering industry as well as to provide funding for the development of educational programs for the NACE members.

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# Scholarship

In 2008, the Foundation of NACE created the Vince DeFinis Scholarship. Each year, a substantial scholarship will be awarded to a future student leader in the hospitality industry. By demonstrating, through an essay and via professional references, that they are dedicated to the excellence, artistry and craft of catering and event design, applicants are judged on their potential ability and future contributions to the field. The scholarship winner is announced annually at the Experience™ conference.

Students who are interested in pursuing the Vince DeFinis Scholarship should visit [www.nace.net](http://www.nace.net) for more information.



# Research

Are catering industry sales increasing or decreasing? What are the latest trends?

In what areas of the country is catering expanding or declining?

The Foundation of NACE helps to provide the knowledge base of the catering industry by sponsoring industry research that defines trends and establishes thought leadership.

The Foundation of NACE positions the association to be regarded as a highly valued resource, not only by its members, but also by the entire profession.

