

## NACE Awards History

### AFFILIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

- 2007 - [Julianne Ford](#)
- 2006 - Jodi Harris - Las Vegas
- 2005 - Dulany Noble – Baltimore
- 2004 - Bill Hamilton - Greater Washington DC
- 2003 - Marjorie Pruitt - Atlanta
- 2002 - Luana Stoutmeyer - Dallas
- 2002 - Vickie Preston - Baltimore
- 2001 - Julie Nash - Dallas
- 2000 - Bob DeFriest
- 1999 - Jan Rocco - Houston
- 1998 - Pat Mobley - Orlando
- 1997 - Debbie Meyers - Dallas
- 1996 - Andy Ebon - San Francisco
- 1995 - Steve Kemble - Dallas
- 1994 - Mike Kaplin - Orlando
- 1993 - Bill Sullivan - Orlando
- 1992 - Kathy Drucquer - San Diego

### BEST CATERED EVENT OF THE YEAR: OFF-PREMISE

- 2007 - Budget \$35K and OVER [Backstage: Culinary Amusement](#)
- 2007 - Budget -under \$35K [An Amazing Kaleidoscope of Color](#)
- 2006 - Budget \$35K and OVER Alan Souza, Managing Director of Divine Events Catering and Special Events, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2006 - Budget -under \$35K - none awarded
- 2005 - Budget - over \$35K: Denise Jermyn, President of Continental Catering in San Diego, California
- 2005 - Budget - under \$35K Tracey Amernick, CPCE, Director of Catering of Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego, California
- 2004 - Travis Lee-Moore CPCE - Austin Chapter - Travis Lee Productions
- 2003 - Kendall Collier, Teresa Day, Tony Conway – Atlanta Chapter - Legendary Events
- 2002 - Tony Conway - Atlanta Chapter - Legendary Events
- 2001 - Georgia Barron - Sacramento, CA - Château by A Shot of Class
- 2000 - Michael Rabe - Honolulu - Creations in Catering
- 1999 - Melissa Soliz - Dallas - Culinaire International/Food Glorious Food
- 1998 - Greg Casella - Silicon Valley - Catered Too
- 1997 - Debbie Hill - Atlanta - Ritz Carlton Hotel
- 1996 - Michael Rabe CPCE - Honolulu - Creations in Catering
- 1995 - (Affiliate Member) Steve Kemble - Dallas - Steve Kemble Event Design  
Peter Cwalino - Dallas - Culinaire International

- 1995 - (Primary Member) Michel Malecot CPCE San Diego - The French Gourmet
- 1994 - Michel Malecot CPCE & Meg Winchester CPCE San Diego - The French Gourmet

#### BEST CATERED EVENT OF THE YEAR: ON-PREMISE

- 2007 - Budget \$35K and OVER [Enchanted World of Fairies](#)
- 2007 - Budget UNDER \$35K [Studio 122 and the World's Largest Chef Table](#)
- 2006 - Budget \$35K and OVER Michele Polci, CPCE, Director of Catering Sales for the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2006 - Budget UNDER \$35K Edmond A. DiAntonio, CMP, CPCE, of Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- 2005 - Budget - over \$35K Brandee K. Gaar, CPCE, Catering Sales Manager of the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, Orlando, Florida
- 2005 - Budget - under \$35K Lisa Burke, Director of Catering and Conference Services, and Bradley Burkett, CPCE, General Manager, Sazerac Restaurant and Hotel, Seattle, Washington
- 2004 - Michele Polci, CPCE - Las Vegas Chapter - Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino
- 2003 - Jenny Giallanza - Sacramento Chapter - Sun City Roseville
- 2002 - Joseph Plocich - Los Angeles Chapter - Marina City Club
- 2001 - Peter Gunther, CPCE, CMP, Director of Convention Catering Sales Anaheim Marriott Hotel, Anaheim, California
- 2000 - Daniel Briones - Orlando - Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
- 1999 - Jenny Giallanza - Sacramento - Sun City Roseville
- 1998 - Robert Neville CCE - Florida West Coast - Don Cesar Resort
- 1997 - Jo Briscoe Powell - Pacific Northwest - Aramark
- 1996 - Nena Paul - Dallas - The Fairmont Hotel
- 1995 - Jo Dermid, CPCE - Chicago - Hotel Intercontinental
- 1994 - Yvonne Higgenbothan - Orange County - Disneyland Hotel

#### BEST GUEST TABLE PRESENTATION

- 2007 - [A Decadent Chocolate Fantasy and a Cause for Celebration](#)
- 2006 - Tony Conway, CMP, President of A Legendary Event in Atlanta, Georgia
- 2005 - Tony Conway, CMP, President and Owner of A Legendary Event in Atlanta, Georgia
- 2004 - Wedding Rehearsal Dinner Party, nominated by Travis-Lee Moore, CPCE, Owner of Travis-Lee Productions

#### BEST WEDDING

- 2007 - Budget \$35K and OVER [An Autumn Fairy Tale Beyond Fabulous](#)
- 2007 - Budget UNDER \$35K [Art Museum Wedding](#)

- 2006 - Budget \$35K and OVER M. Hope Lawrence, Owner of Michelle Hope Weddings in Austin, Texas
- 2006 - Budget UNDER \$35K Georgia Barron, CPCE, President of Newcastle Wedding Gardens, Newcastle, California
- 2005- Budget - over \$35K Bobbi Asarch, Owner of Bobbi Asarch Personal Party Planning in Houston, Texas
- 2005 - Budget - under \$35K Natasha Aiken, Director of Food and Beverage for the Toledo Country Club in Toledo, Ohio

#### CATERER OF THE YEAR

- 2007 - [Michelle Polci](#)
- 2006 - Bill Singleton, Jr, CPCE - Orlando
- 2005 - Julie P. G. Brown-Edwards, CPCE – Baltimore
- 2004 - Paula Fenner, CPCE - Dallas
- 2003 - Gary Baumann - Houston
- 2002 - Abby Fitzpatrick, CPCE - Baltimore
- 2001 - Margery Reinhardt - Houston
- 2000 - Terri Raborn-Collins
- 1999 - Daniel Briones, CPCE - Orlando
- 1998 - Ann Renneker - Dallas
- 1997 - James Healey - San Francisco
- 1996 - Larry Osburn, CPCE - Chicago
- 1995 - Jo Dermid, CPCE - Chicago
- 1994 - Michel Malecot, CPCE - San Diego
- 1993 - Gayle Skelton, CPCE - Dallas
- 1992 - Jerry Edwards, CPCE - Baltimore

#### CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

- 2007 - 100 or MORE members [San Diego](#)
- 2007 - LESS than 100 members not awarded
- 2006 - 100 or MORE members Las Vegas
- 2006 - LESS than 100 members not awarded
- 2005 - 100 or MORE members Greater Philadelphia-South Jersey-Delaware
- 2005 - LESS than 100 members Charlotte
- 2004 - 100 or MORE members Greater Philadelphia-South Jersey-Delaware
- 2004 - LESS than 100 members Austin
- 2003 - 100 or MORE members Greater Atlanta
- 2003 - LESS than 100 members Las Vegas
- 2002 - 100 or MORE members Baltimore
- 2002 - LESS than 100 members Austin
- 2001 - 100 or MORE members Baltimore
- 2001 - LESS than 100 members Orange County
- 2000 - 100 or MORE members San Diego
- 2000 - LESS than 100 members Baltimore

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1999 - LESS than 100 members Orange County  
1998 - 100 or MORE members Dallas  
1998 - LESS than 100 members Silicon Valley  
1997 - Houston  
1996 - TIE: Dallas and San Francisco  
1995 - Dallas  
1994 - Dallas  
1993 - Orlando  
1992 - Baltimore  
1991 - San Francisco  
1990 - Los Angeles  
1989 - Dallas  
1988 - San Diego  
1987 - San Diego  
1986 - Orange County

#### BEST CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE

2007 - 100 or MORE members [Las Vegas](#)  
2007 - LESS than 100 members [Northeast Florida](#)  
2006 - 100 or MORE members Las Vegas  
2006 - LESS than 100 members Silicon Valley  
2005 - 100 or MORE members Dallas/Ft. Worth  
2005 - LESS than 100 members Greater Detroit  
2004 - 100 or MORE members Baltimore  
2004 - LESS than 100 members Silicon Valley  
2003 - 100 or MORE members Baltimore  
2003 - LESS than 100 members Sacramento  
2002 - Silicon Valley  
2001 - Silicon Valley  
2000 - Kansas City  
1999 - Houston  
1998 - Orange County  
1997 - Orlando  
1996 - Orlando  
1995 - Orlando  
1994 - Dallas  
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#### BEST CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

2007 - 100 or MORE members [Baltimore](#)  
2007 - LESS than 100 members [Charlotte](#)

- 2006 - 100 or MORE members Philadelphia/South Jersey/Delaware
- 2006 - LESS than 100 members Pacific Northwest
- 2005 - 100 or MORE members Houston
- 2005 - LESS than 100 members Austin
- 2004 - 100 or MORE members New Orleans
- 2004 - LESS than 100 members Las Vegas
- 2003 - 100 or MORE members Orlando
- 2003 - LESS than 100 members Desert Resorts
- 2002 - 100 or MORE members San Diego
- 2002 - LESS than 100 members Honolulu
- 2001 - 100 or MORE members New Orleans
- 2001 - LESS than 100 members Florida West Coast

#### BEST EVENT PRODUCTION

- 2007 - Budget \$35K and OVER [Evening of Asian Splendors](#)
- 2007 - Budget UNDER \$35K [World Record Wedding Video Event](#)
- 2006 - Budget UNDER \$35K Tracey Amernick, Director of Catering at the Bahia Resort Hotel – Evans Garage – Bahia Sternwheelers in San Diego, California
- 2006 - Budget \$35K and OVER Dave Felix, Director of Creative and Events at Planning the Globe LLC in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
- 2005 - Budget UNDER \$35K Trace Kingham, Event Designer of Trace Limited, in Columbus, Ohio
- 2005 - Budget \$35K and OVER John Schlueter, President of Karl’s Event Center in Oak Creek, Wisconsin
- 2003 - Steve Kemble - Steve Kemble Event Design - Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter
- 2002 - Tara P. Guerard ~ Soiree ~ Greater Charleston Chapter
- 2001 - Steve Kemble, Principal, Steve Kemble Event Design, Dallas, Texas
- 2000 - Traci Rushton, Ward & Ames Special Event Production

#### CHAPTER PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

- 2007 - 100 or MORE members [Orlando](#)
- 2007 - LESS than 100 members [New Orleans](#)
- 2006 - 100 or MORE members Las Vegas
- 2006 - LESS than 100 members none awarded
- 2005 - 100 or MORE members Orlando
- 2005 - LESS than 100 members Sacramento
- 2004 - 100 or MORE members Dallas/Ft. Worth
- 2004 - LESS than 100 members Columbus
- 2003 - 100 or MORE members Dallas/Ft. Worth
- 2003 - LESS than 100 members Las Vegas
- 2002 - 100 or MORE members Dallas/Ft. Worth
- 2002 - LESS than 100 members Louisville

- 2001 - 100 or MORE members Baltimore
- 2001 - LESS than 100 members Sacramento

#### BEST THEMED FOOD & BEVERAGE PRESENTATION

- 2007 - [Bond, James Bond](#)
- 2006 - Carrie Snoey, Catering Manager of Rio All Suites Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2005 - Dianna K. Shitanishi, CPCE, CMP, Director of Catering and Conference Services for the Kahala Mandarin Oriental of Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2004 - Michele Polci, CPCE, Senior Catering Manager for the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino
- 2003 - Kendall Collier, Teresa Day, Tony Conway, Legendary Events
- 2002 - No award presented
- 2001 - Melissa Soliz, National Sales Director, Gourmet Dallas, Dallas, Texas
- 2000 - Heather Aleknavage, River Bend Golf & Country Club

#### GEORGE ZELL SPIRIT OF NACE

- 2007 - [Andy Ebon](#)
- 2007 - [Elena Lipkins](#)
- 2007 - [Billy Singleton](#)
- 2006 - Amy Blach, CBA - Silicon Valley
- 2006 - Robert Capers - Northeast Florida
- 2005 - Joseph Mahoney, CPCE - Orlando
- 2005 - Patricia K. Discianno, CMP - Florida West Coast
- 2005 - Bonnie Fimiano - South Florida
- 2004 - June Bowerman (presented posthumously), Owner of Advance Productions International and of Call the Caterer - San Diego chapter
- 2004 - Mel Gilman, Owner of Mel's Events - Silicon Valley chapter
- 2004 - Michel Malécot, CPCE, President of The French Gourmet - San Diego chapter
- 2004 - Susie Stallings, Owner of Susie's Scrumptious Sweets - South Florida chapter
- 2003 - Gayle Skelton - Greater Atlanta
- 2003 - Mike Sipe - South Florida
- 2003 - Marjorie Pruitt - Greater Atlanta
- 2002 - Bobbi Roberts, Orlando chapter
- 2001 - Michael Neagle, VP and Director of Catering Sales The Bay Tower, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2001 - Kelly Murphy, President Panache Party Rentals, Pompano Beach, Florida
- 2000 - Kathi Sullivan, Pacific Northwest chapter
- 2000 - Karen Segee, Orlando chapter

HALL OF FAME ESTABLISHED 1988

Vincent DeFinis, CPCE  
Peter Gunther, CPCE, CMP  
Helen Roberts, CPCE  
Ed Fiscella  
Brent Ashton, CPCE  
Larry Osburn, CPCE  
Mindy Angress  
Jerry Edwards, CPCE

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1993 - Helen Roberts – Atlanta  
1993 - Vincent DeFinis, CPCE - Philadelphia/South Jersey