

## NACE Awards History

### EVENT PROFESSIONAL (FORMERLY, 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

- 2008 - Budget \$75K and OVER A Legendary Event
- 2008 - Budget -under \$25K Feastivities Events
- 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

- 2008 - Budget \$75K and OVER Michele Polci, CPCE, CMP – Harrah’s  
Entertainment
- 2008 - Budget \$25K-\$75K Maria Marcano – Walt Disney World Swan and  
Dolphin Resort
- 2008 - Budget UNDER \$25K Annie Payton, CPCE – Lake Las Vegas Resort
- 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

- 2008 - A Legendary Event
- 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

2008 - Budget \$75K and OVER The Fairmont Copley Plaza Boston

2008 - Budget \$25K-75K Annie Payton, CPCE – Lake Las Vegas Resort

2008 - Budget UNDER \$25K Annie Payton, CPCE – Lake Las Vegas Resort

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

2008 - Alicia Karoll – American Visionary Art Museum - Baltimore

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

2008 - 100 or MORE members Triangle

2008 - LESS than 100 members Greater Omaha  
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  
1999 - 100 or MORE members Greater Atlanta  
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

2008 - 100 or MORE members Baltimore  
2008 - LESS than 100 members Austin  
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  
1993 - Dallas

#### BEST CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

2008 - 100 or MORE members Greater Washington DC  
2008 - LESS than 100 members Nashville  
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

2008 - Budget \$75K and OVER Omni Hotel at CNN Center  
2008 - Budget UNDER \$25K A Legendary Event  
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

- 2008 - 100 or MORE members Baltimore
- 2008 - LESS than 100 members Greater Omaha
- 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 GUEST TABLE PRESENTATION

- 2008 - Janise Diaz and Tatina Ferreira, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

#### BEST THEMED FOOD & BEVERAGE PRESENTATION

- 2008 - Janise Diaz and Tatina Ferreira, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort
- 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

- 2008 - Dulany Noble - Gala Cloths by Dulany - Baltimore
- 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