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**Another Baltimore Favorite Goes to the Hall of Fame:  
Best in Catering Honored by the National Association of Catering Executives**

- **Baltimore Caterer Goes to Hall of Fame**
  - **Las Vegas Caterer Wins Best of 2007**
- **San Diego Chapter Tapped as Best Chapter**

**Columbia, MD – August 1, 2007** – Baltimore caterer Jerry Edwards, CPCE, owner of Chef’s Expressions in Timonium, MD, was named to the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE) Hall of Fame, and given a lifetime achievement award for his commitment to the field of catering, at the organization’s annual national conference in July. NACE also awarded the best caterers from across the country a variety of honors.

Edwards is a chef and owner of the highly-successful catering business, Chef’s Expressions, a business that began as a single sandwich shop that Edwards purchased in 1981. Today, Chef’s Expressions encompasses 80 employees, and caters more than 300 events annually.

Edwards served as the national president of NACE for six years.

Michelle Polci, CPCE, Director of Catering at the Rio All Suites Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, was named the caterer of the year. Polci was a founding member of the Las Vegas chapter, which now boasts more than 100 members. She is known as a respected member of the business community and a national expert in catering and events. The San Diego chapter of NACE was given chapter of the year honors.

The George Zell Spirit of NACE Award was presented to Elena Lipkins, a partner with JML Promotions in San Francisco, Andy Ebon, owner of EBS Virtual Communications in Las Vegas; and William Singleton, Jr, CPCE, Director of Catering with the Villas of Grand Cypress in Orlando, Fla.

“The winners all exemplify the best in our profession and demonstrate the commitment to leadership and excellence that is the mark of catering executives,” said Daniel Briones, CPCE, director of catering at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia and 2007-2008 President of NACE.

NACE also presented 17 other awards in a variety of categories. For a complete listing, visit [www.nace.net](http://www.nace.net)

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