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## **Achievement Academy to hold second annual Top Chef of Polk County event**

**LAKELAND, FL (February 9, 2016)** Achievement Academy's second annual Top Chef of Polk County event will take place on Monday, April 18, at the Lakeland Center. Last year's inaugural event was a huge success, raising much needed funds for the children of Achievement Academy.

Top Chef of Polk County is a multi-course fine-dining experience that places the spotlight on the area's leading chefs while raising funds for programs and therapies for the children of Achievement Academy.

As many as 15 chefs will create and prepare, tableside, their own menu with accompanying wine or libation that complement the flavors of each course. An all-star panel of judges will rate each chef on their culinary creations based on presentation, choice and taste of food to award the title of "Top Chef of Polk County 2016". Judges will also present awards for best in Appetizer, Entrée and Dessert. Dinner guests will rate each dining station to award the title of "Top Table Décor". The Achievement Academy has limited chef opportunities still available. For more information, visit [www.achievementacademy.com/chef-information/](http://www.achievementacademy.com/chef-information/). We are proud to announce the chefs who have already confirmed their participation in this year's event:

Chef Steve Beltz, Grasslands Golf & Country Club

Chef Tina Calhoon, Fresco's Bakery & Bistro

Chef Terry Gracie, Publix Aprons Cooking School

Chef Ronald Mayer, Florida Presbyterian Homes (Reigning Top Chef of Polk County)

Chef Jose Vicente, Brasa Latina

Chef Chad Ward, Whiskey Bent BBQ

Cocktail hour will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the first course will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be a live auction which takes place throughout the evening. Individual tickets and sponsorships are available. Seating is limited.

To reserve your seats or obtain more information, visit the Achievement Academy website, [www.achievementacademy.com/upcoming-events/top-chef/](http://www.achievementacademy.com/upcoming-events/top-chef/), or call (863) 683-6504.

*The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities. The Achievement Academy offers two programs, each provided at no cost to the child or family. The first program is a **Charter School** that offers specialized instruction by certified teachers; small class sizes; individual speech, occupational and physical therapies; and assistive technologies that enable each student to reach his or her full potential at one of the Achievement Academy's three campus locations (Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow). The second is a "**Birth to Three Program**" that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are "at-risk" for developmental delays and/or have been identified with a specific delay. Professional Early Interventionists serve these children and their families. More than half of the Birth to Three Program's budget is funded by a generous allocation from the United Way of Central Florida.*

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