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Island View Casino Resort Whips Up Multiple Wins at Culinary Competition

GULFPORT – Island View Casino Resort’s team of skilled chefs won five medals at the recent Culinary Classic, an annual competition sponsored by the Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Culinary Federation. Held on June 28 at the IP Casino Resort Spa, the event marked the 14th year of cook-off-style challenges and the third year of competition for the award-winning Island View team.

The event featured more than 30 chefs from casino and local restaurants and private clubs competing with approximately 50 entries in six food categories.

Island View Casino Resort Executive Chef David Crabtree won a gold medal in the poultry category with his entry of a roasted Cornish hen with cornbread stuffing. Crabtree also won a silver in the seafood category with his salmon napoleon with vanilla-bean hollandaise.

Matthew Kallinikos, room chef for the resort’s signature restaurant, C&G Grille, won a gold medal for his entry in the soup category, roasted corn and she-crab soup.

And Eric Spencer, assistant room chef for the Gulfport resort’s The Buffet, won a silver medal in the meat category with his entry of pan sautéed veal with lobster. Spencer also won a bronze medal in the salad category with his grilled vegetable salad with ginger-citrus vinaigrette.

The 2009 Culinary Classic benefited the chapter and National Chef and Child Foundation. The American Culinary Federation is

a nonprofit organization with more than 300 chapters nationwide. The Gulf Coast Chapter was formed in 1987 by a group of chefs that saw a need for advancement of the culinary industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast .

About Island View Casino Resort - Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 2,000 slots and 47 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel, an Emeril's Gulf Coast Fish House, a 400-seat buffet, a 24-hour restaurant called C&G Grille and the View Bar – an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. www.IslandViewCasino.com.