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Island View Casino Resort Executive Sous Chef Wins the Final Table of World Food Championship

GULFPORT, Miss. (August 24, 2019) – Jackie Seavey, executive sous chef at Island View Casino Resort was declared champion of the 7th Annual World Food Championship. Chef Seavey competed May 17, 18 and 19 in The World Food Championship's Final Table in New Orleans, keeping it a secret until a special two-part docu-series on CNBC revealed the winner. Seavey mastered three Cajun/Creole Challenges in the final event, making her the newest member of the \$100,000 Club.

"This is the first time in Food Sport history that a Chili Champion won the World Food Championship title," stated Mike McCloud, CEO of World Food Championships. "This is the third consecutive year a woman has won it all."

Last November Chef Seavey took first place in the World Open Chili Championship in Orange Beach, Alabama, earning her a spot at the Final Table. Seavey competed against nine other chefs from around the world to make it to the final three.

"The amazing thing about the world food championships is the diversity of its competitors and the complexity of its challenges," stated Chef Jackie Seavey. "Just to get to be a competitor at the WFC Final Table was nerve rattling; but it was a rewarding experience. As with my culinary career, I never thought I'd make it as far as I did. This win is the pinnacle of my entire culinary career." Added Seavey, "it also helped to have talented teammates, my boss David Crabtree and co-worker Deborah Thomas, who are both amazing southern chefs in their own right."

This year's final table food destination city was set in New Orleans, a city whose unique cuisine is as diverse in its history and culture. The challenge was to prepare food in the style of that city. Chef Seavey's winning dish, "Kumquat Duck & Cornbread Waffle Canapés," will be featured at Antoine's in New Orleans, America's oldest family-run restaurant; a huge achievement, as Antoine's has not made many additions to their menu in over 100 years.

Three Island View Casino Resort chefs, Jackie Seavey, David Crabtree and Deborah Thomas, have earned a qualifying place in their divisions in the upcoming 2019 World Food Championships in Dallas, Texas this October. Seavey served as Crabtree's sous chef in 2016 in the WFC steak category and in 2017 for the seafood category.

The World Food Championship celebrates the cooks, chefs, and competitive teams that compete throughout the year around the globe in Food Sport. WFC brings chefs from all over the world to compete for the number one spot in each category. The champions from each category earned more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes while earning their world titles and compete at WFC's Final Table where the grand prize is \$100,000.

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(l-r) Chefs David Crabtree, Jackie Seavey and Deborah Thomas.

Ivcr 19 seavey trophy.jpg

Chef Jackie Seavey with the trophy engraved with all past winners from the World Food Championships' Final Table.

Ivcr 19 seavey family.jpg

Chef Jackie Seavey, center shares the spotlight with (l-r) daughter, Sydney Adams, son Erik Pedersen, husband John Seavey and teammate Deborah Thomas.

Ivcr 19 team seavey with trophies.jpg

(l-r) Chefs Deborah Thomas, Jackie Seavey and David Crabtree display the check, trophy and WFC golden platter from the World Food Championships' Final Table.

Ivcr 19 team seavey with mc cloud.jpg

Chef Jackie Seavey (third from left) and her team, Deborah Thomas and David Crabtree, stand with Mike McCloud, CEO of World Food Championships.

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Ivcr 19 seavey balcony.jpg (photo credit: World Food Championships)

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. On June 21, 2018, Island View opened the fourth phase of expansion with Beach Casino, a \$75 million smoke-free casino. The land-based casinos, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offer 126,000 square-feet of casino gaming with approximately 2,700 slots and 49 table games. Completing this fourth phase of expansion gives Island View 1,000,000 square-feet of beachfront gaming, hotel and entertainment space. The resort also features 970 hotel rooms and suites, with 565 in the north casino tower and 405 in the beach tower, which opened on April 29, 2016, as part of Island View's \$58 million 2015 expansion. Restaurant and lounge offerings include Carter Green Steakhouse, Prime Cut, Beach Blvd. Steamer, C&G, The Buffet, The Diner, Dockside Deli, The Coffee Shop and Beach Coffee Shop, Beignet Café, The Sweet Stop, Coast Candymakers, Gulf Breeze Daiquiri, Sunset Bar & Deck, Beach Casino Stage, and casino bars. The resort, which is the only local casino to offer direct beach access, features The Beach Club, with 300 feet of beach and a variety of related services. Other amenities include two tropical-themed pools with cabanas; Blue Shell Spa, a full-service day spa; two retail outlets; the View Showroom, a 600-seat entertainment venue; and Windance Country Club, an award-winning golf course, also located in Gulfport. 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. For more information: 877-774-8439 or IslandViewCasino.com