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74TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Over 700 county and business leaders from across the great State of New Jersey will join the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) at its 74th Annual Celebration of County Government set for Wednesday 5/7 – Friday 5/9 at Caesars in Atlantic City. Don't miss county governments' premiere event with an action-packed agenda that features:

- A Gubernatorial Candidates Forum one month before the June Primary
- The one and only County Vocational-Technical School Cook-Off Challenge
- Timely professional development workshops approved for continuing education credits
- The Nick Acocella County Leadership Showcase
- All major events and ceremonies in the main exhibit hall

To kick off the celebration, NJ 101.5's Senior Political Director Eric Scott will interview a terrific lineup of candidates hoping to become the 57th Governor of the Garden State. Candidates Ras Baraka-tentative, Jon Bramnick, Steve Fulop, Bill Spadea, Sean Spiller, and Steve Sweeney plan to discuss property taxes, health benefits, homelessness, regionalization, and much more. NJAC is also thrilled to announce that culinary titan Chef David Burke and "Man Versus Food" star Casey Webb, will join NJAC as celebrity judges for the 12th Annual County-Vocational Technical School Cook-Off Challenge, where future chefs and restaurateurs will compete for titles in taste, creativity, and food presentation with this mouth-watering menu:

Tandoori Chicken Skewers with Coconut Sauce & Garlic Nann – Atlantic County Institute of Technology

Highland Harvest Pierogi – Bergen County Technical Schools, Paramus Campus

Spring Lamb with Asparagus, Mint Yogurt, Gremolata & Bordelaise – Burlington Institute of Technology

Shrimp & Crab Cake Sandwich with Lemon Caper Aioli – Cape May County Technical Schools

Kauai Hawaiian Street Tacos – Hunterdon County Polytech

Surf & Turf Paella – Middlesex County Magnet Schools

Pate de Campagne with Pickled Turnips – Morris County School of Technology

Sea Scallops wrapped local Black Sea Bass – Ocean County Vocational-Technical School District

Chicken & Cheese Empanadas with Chicharron Tostones – Passaic County Technical-Vocational Schools

Pancetta Bruschetta – Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools

Braised Pork Tacos with Plantain Tortillas – Union County Vocational-Technical Schools

Each team will consist of 5-6 students and 2 staff members; and, must create 300 samples of appetizers at a total cost of less than \$700.00. In addition to Chef Burke and Host Webb, convention guests will have the enviable task of judging the tough competition for scholarships in the People's Choice Category of \$1,250.00 for gold, \$750.00 for silver, and \$500.00 for bronze.

But wait, there's more!

- In addition to sharing resources and ideas with county and business leaders, you'll have the unique opportunity to hear from subject matter experts in three dozen workshops approved for continuing education credits in CMFO, CCFO, CTC, CPWM, RMC, QPA, RPPO, RPPS, CE, and CLE.
- County administrators, finance officers, health officers, public information officers, IT directors, jail wardens, clerks of the board, IT directors, welfare directors, surrogates, sheriffs, and county clerks will host regular business meetings throughout the event.
- NJAC President & Somerset County Commissioner Director Shanel Robinson, Mercer County Executive Dan Benson, Passaic County Commissioner Orlando Cruz, and Sussex County Commissioner Director Chris Carney will head an all-star lineup at the "Nick Acocella County Leader Showcase."
- NJAC will honor outstanding county professionals and elected officials with service awards, the Peter Palmer Business Associate of the Year Award, the County Administrator Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Maurice Fitzgibbons County Commissioner of the Year Award. NJAC will also induct a new class of nominees into the County Commissioner Hall of Fame.

SNAPSHOT OF MAJOR EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 5/7

- President's Meet & Greet Reception with Musical Entertainment 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 5/8

- Conference Kick-Off Board Meeting & Gubernatorial Candidates Forum 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- President's Luncheon & County Awards with lunch available at Noon 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Exhibitor's Reception & Price is Right Raffle 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 5/9

- Nick Acocella County Leadership Showcase 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
- County Vocational-Technical School Cook-Off Challenge 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Cook-Off Challenge Awards 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please visit www.njac.org for the full conference schedule and additional information about NJAC. And although online registration is now closed, walk-ins are always welcome. NJAC is dedicated to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is further committed to advancing innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the level of service provided and save valuable taxpayer dollars.

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