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Atkinson Awarded 2017 ACFSA Al Richardson Founder's Award

The ACFSA awarded Phil Atkinson the Al Richardson Founder's Award at the ACFSA International Conference at Town and Country Resort in San Diego, Ca. on September 26, 2017. Atkinson of Hennepin County Sheriff's Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota received the award for his many years of volunteer service to the Association. Atkinson is also the recipient of the Industry Excellence Award from FER Magazine and the Doctorate in Food Service from NAFEM. Atkinson played an instrumental role in the development of the ACFSA Northern Lakes Chapter and has worked determinedly with food equipment manufacturers to develop standards for kitchen equipment in jails and prisons across nation and Canada.

About

The Association of Correctional Food Service Affiliates (ACFSA) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the professional growth of our many nation's correctional foodservice employees.

ACFSA was formed in 1969 to enhance, represent and promote the correctional segment of the foodservice industry. Association members are foodservice professionals employed in correctional facilities and agencies within federal, state and municipal prison/jail systems. Members are employed within government and commercially operated facilities within the United States, Canada and an expanding international market.

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