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## MOTORCITY CASINO HOTEL PASTRY CHEF HELPS COACH NATIONAL CULINARY TEAM TO GOLD MEDALS IN LUXEMBOURG

DETROIT (21 December 2010) MotorCity Casino Hotel's pastry chef and the national culinary team, return from international competition as winners. Patricia Nash, pastry chef for the casino hotel complex, was one of the coaches for the ACF National Team USA at the World Cup Competition. Twenty-five national teams from around the world gathered in Luxembourg to compete for global bragging rights. This international competition is highly regarded by culinary professionals.

The USA team received Gold Medals in the hot and cold competitions, which resulted in a 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall world ranking. Singapore finished in first place, followed by Sweden in second. Team USA consists of one pastry chef, five savory chefs, one manager, coaches and advisors. The current coaches, who were chosen by the team manager, are all former members of past National USA Culinary Olympic Teams.

In her role as a team coach, Chef Nash was instrumental in creating the dessert for the hot competition. Her inspiration for the Peanut Butter Bar was the popular dessert donning the same name, which is served in Iridescence, the casino hotel's AAA Four Diamond restaurant. "Peanut butter is never used in culinary competitions and it is very representative of the USA. I believe that the chocolate and peanut butter combination is close to perfection. When you add strawberries, bananas, a warm component and a frozen component, the flavors and textures meld together to create an amazing combination" said Chef Nash.

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With the Culinary World Cup behind them, the USA team now prepares for the 2012 Culinary Olympics, which will be held in Erfurt, Germany. While preparing for the upcoming competition, Chef Nash will also continue to nurture the development of her pastry staff. "I would like to have one or two of my staff become apprentices for a team member. I hope that this exposure will be the foundation for their foray into culinary competitions, which are great learning opportunities."

## About MotorCity Casino Hotel

Located on Grand River Avenue at the Lodge Freeway (M-10), MotorCity Casino Hotel is owned by Marian Ilitch and is the only locally-owned and operated casino in Detroit. The entertainment complex has recently undergone a multimillion dollar renovation and expansion, involving a major expansion of its gaming space, construction of a 400-room hotel with a luxury spa and fitness center, ultra-lounge, award winning restaurant, and new convention and banquet area, plus retail outlets and multiple dining and live entertainment facilities. For more information about MotorCity Casino Hotel, or to make a reservation, visit <u>www.MotorCityCasinoHotel.com</u> or call 1-866-STAY-MCC.

