

# Local chefs receive honours

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**T**he Okanagan Chefs' Association hosted their holiday celebration and annual branch awards

Monday night at the Delta Grand in Kelowna.

The branch awards are voted on by their peers in the chefs' association and recognize the efforts and accomplishments of these outstanding individuals and their contribution to the Okanagan culinary scene.

Associate Member of the Year was presented to Jon Crofts of Codfathers Seafood Market; Junior Member of the year was presented to Robyn Sigurdson of RauDZ Regional Table and Deanna Hodge was named Outstanding Member of the Year.

Association president Willi Franz of Grapevine Restaurant, awarded Perry Bentley, of the Okanagan Chefs Association Culinary Arts program, the Presidents Award.

OCA chairman, Chef Rod Butters of RauDZ Regional Table presented the prestigious Chef of the Year award to Geoffrey Couper of Okanagan College Culinary Arts.



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**Okanagan Chefs' Association award winners are, from left, Jon Crofts, Deanna Hodge, Perry Bentley, Robin Sigurdson and Geoffrey Couper. The awards were handed out on Monday at the association's annual branch awards.**

The Culinary Arts program at Okanagan College continues to grow and develop under the leadership of Bentley and Couper and these awards recognize their growing relationship with the chefs' association and their efforts

to create a leading edge curriculum.

The association, is a non-profit society whose primary purpose is to promote culinary professionalism and networking opportunities.