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## **Chef Roy Yamaguchi Inducted Into The Board of Trustees of The Culinary Institute of America**

**Tampa, Florida, November 2006** - Internationally acclaimed Chef Roy Yamaguchi was recently inducted into the Board of Trustees of The Culinary Institute of America, the renowned institution that he graduated from 30 years ago. This distinction alone is a reflection of his stature among the great American chefs. Regarded as a pioneer who mastered a unique culinary style, which brought his cooking to the forefront of contemporary gastronomy, Chef Roy has become known around the world for his Hawaiian Fusion® Cuisine featuring the freshest local ingredients, bold Asian spices and European sauces, with a focus on seafood.

As testimony to his success, there are now 33 **Roy's** restaurants worldwide. Honored early in his career with the prestigious James Beard "Best Pacific Northwest Chef" award, Yamaguchi has hosted six seasons of the PBS-TV show, "Hawaii Cooks with Roy Yamaguchi," seen on more than 300 stations in all 50 states and in 60 countries. Yamaguchi has also published three cookbooks, **Roy's: Feasts from Hawaii**, **Hawaii Cooks** and **Roy's Fish & Seafood**. He is a frequent guest chef on the Home Shopping Network where his signature line of cookware is showcased.

Commenting on his induction, Yamaguchi noted, "I'm honored to have the opportunity to give back to the institution that has in so many ways contributed to my success and to the world-class status that American chefs enjoy today."

For more than half a century, The Culinary Institute of America has benefited from the devotion and service of thousands of its alumni. Trustees participate in a variety of Board activities and help promote the College to the public, the food service industry and the media. More information can be found at [www.ciachef.edu](http://www.ciachef.edu). Additional information about Chef Yamaguchi and **Roy's** restaurants can be found at [www.roysrestaurant.com](http://www.roysrestaurant.com).

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