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Sam Lorensen hired as Georgia Center executive chef

Athens, Ga. – The University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel is pleased to announce that Sam Lorensen has been hired as the executive chef. Lorensen will oversee food preparation for the Georgia Center’s banquets, luncheons and receptions for conferences and special events as well as for the center’s restaurants, the Savannah Room and the Courtyard Café.

Lorensen has more than 20 years of experience as a food services management professional. Prior to joining the Georgia Center, Lorensen was corporate chef for FKB Management, Jamie’s, Alexander’s and Caper’s Café and Lounge located inside the Embassy Suites Hotels in the Atlanta area. He has also worked as executive chef for St. Ives Country Club, the Marriott at Gwinnett, the Hilton at Peachtree Corners and the Melbourne Hilton at Rialto Place. He was employed at the Fountainbleu Hilton Hotel as garde manager and roundsman. Lorensen received his associate of science degree from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

“We’re excited to have Chef Lorensen at the Georgia Center. He has superior culinary skills in food preparation, recipe development and full-service catering. Not only will guests be impressed with the meals he creates, they will be impressed with the presentation as well. His expertise will definitely enhance events at the Georgia Center,” said Kimberly Fink, event designer for the Georgia Center.

The Georgia Center, celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2007, is a unit of the University of Georgia’s Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach. The Center provides innovative lifelong learning opportunities through its continuing education programs. On UGA’s campus, the Georgia Center includes a full-service hotel with 200 rooms and suites, restaurants, banquet areas, conference rooms, auditoriums, a fitness center and a computer lab — all under one roof. For more information go to www.georgiacenter.uga.edu.

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