

Local culinary educator surprised by honor

Larry Mains had no idea he was being honored when he arrived at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland for the Chef de Cuisine Society of Oregon's Chef of the Year dinner earlier this month.

Mains, director of culinary arts at Clark College, received the chefs organization's Chef Emeritus award. The honor came with a trophy and a medal.



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"It was a shock," said Mains, a 64-year-old Vancouver resident. "It was amazing. I was ready to faint."

Mains has been cooking professionally since he was 16. He has taught at Clark College for about 30 years.

This wasn't the first time the Chef de Cuisine Society of Oregon honored Mains. He received the group's Chef of the Year award in 1985, the Instructor of the Year award in 2002 and the Charles Altorfer Professionalism award in 2005.