

World-renowned Le Cordon Bleu® and California-based leader in ultra-premium kitchen appliances Dacor®, have announced a strategic alliance that has never been done before. The love of exquisite cuisine and culinary artistry brings together the world's premier provider of culinary arts education and the leading manufacturer of ultra-premium appliances for an unprecedented partnership that will forever change the face of cooking innovation in the home kitchen.

Le Cordon Bleu has propelled chefs from cooking students to culinary icons with graduates such as Julia Child, Giada De Laurentiis and Nancy Silverton, a 2014 James Beard Foundation Award winner for Outstanding Chef. After years of research, Le Cordon Bleu sought out a partnership with Dacor for its outstanding cooking appliance innovation, excellent product performance and unparalleled culinary passion. Both companies are seeking to ensure a revolutionary change in the culinary space. The merging of French technique and American innovation reinvigorates the kitchen with products, passion and progress that moves traditional cooking to modern day.

Given Le Cordon Bleu's long history of excellence in the culinary space, the organization believes that there is value in providing students, aspiring chefs of all levels and loyal followers recommendations for specific kitchen appliances and other cooking tools and instruments to maximize their performance.

"As a professional chef, the tools we use are just as important as the ingredients that go into each dish," notes Executive Chef of Le Cordon Bleu Yannick Anton. "So whether I'm cooking at home or in a professional kitchen, performance is paramount, and the power and precision I experienced with Dacor was second to none."

Le Cordon Bleu Master Chefs recently tested numerous high-end cooking appliance brands including Dacor on myriad evaluations such as baking, convection baking, broiling and convection roasting. The tests measured the oven's speed and accuracy, evenness of heat distribution, and the quality of dishes prepared. Dacor appliances were determined to be superior in multiple categories and its premier product craftsmanship was highlighted as well.

"Dacor is the first and only appliance brand to be tested and recommended by the Master Chefs of Le Cordon Bleu," notes Dacor CEO Chuck Huebner. "This alliance is the perfect pairing of two iconic brands with a rich history of celebrating culinary artistry."

"There is no other kitchen appliance brand in the world that has received this renowned stamp of approval," notes Dacor President Steve Joseph. "Like Le Cordon Bleu, Dacor has been committed to innovation and excellence since our inception nearly 50 years ago, and it's these ideals that set the standard for everything we do today."