

The Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point Welcomes New Executive Chef

West Point, NY--The Historic Thayer Hotel is pleased to announce Chris Hettinger as the hotel's newly appointed executive chef.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chef Hettinger to the Thayer", shared Carlys Lemler, General Manager and graduate of the United States Military Academy. "Chris' passion for food and infectious spirit of teamwork is a perfect fit for our organization as the Hotel continues to grow its profile serving as a locale for leadership development, a place to celebrate life events with family and friends, and as a hub for visitors to the Hudson Valley."

A 1996 graduate of the renowned, Culinary Institute of America, Chef Hettinger began his career as a sous chef for Tarrytown House & Estate Conference Center. He quickly advanced, using his expertise of local fusion blends and an attention to detail both in menu development and kitchen management. He was made executive chef of Tarrytown House & Estate in 2009. During his tenure as executive chef, the Estate launched a casual dining restaurant, Cellar 49, that appealed to locavores; and saw explosive growth in both social events and conferences.

Chris became executive chef of the Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point earlier this year and has already begun to reshape the culinary vision of the Hotel's dining outlets: MacArthur's Riverview Restaurant, Patton's Tavern, and Zulu Time Rooftop Lounge & Bar. All three venues boast new menus that display Hettinger's passion for regional American cuisine. The award-winning Champagne Brunch and the Friday night Seafood Buffet & Raw Bar have been refreshed and redesigned to reflect Chris' vision and enhance the Thayer Hotel's reputation as a premier dining location in the Hudson Valley.

When he is not overseeing the kitchen, Chris most enjoys cooking at home, collecting rare bourbons and California Cabernets, and rooting for his beloved NY Rangers.

About The Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point

Seated on a hilltop in Upstate New York, with commanding views of the Hudson River and the United States Military Academy, The Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point is a national historic treasure. Visited by past U.S. Presidents, international leaders and celebrities alike, this hotel is like no other in the world. Visitors discover a captivating blend of over 200 years of military history combined with a full array of modern comforts and amenities.

The Thayer Hotel has received the Certificate of Excellence from Trip Advisor in 2014, 2015 and 2016, as well as Conde Nast Readers' Choice Awards in 2016, and The Knot BEST OF WEDDINGS for 2017.