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## CCOF Certifies First Organic Cooking School in the Nation

(May, 24, 2007) Santa Cruz, CA – California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) is pleased to announce the Patty James Cooking School and Nutrition Center in Sebastopol, CA, as the nation's first certified organic cooking school.

Organic certification was the next natural step for Patty James, who has used organic ingredients in her cooking and nutrition classes since the school opened over three years ago. James says that “organic foods have been a big part of my life for years, and helping people remove toxins from their diet is a big part of my life’s mission.” Her classes offer a way to help people ease into organic cooking and eating, and all of her consulting and nutritional counseling projects - be them online, in class, or off-site - focus on using organic ingredients for optimum health.

With a goal of helping “as many people as possible eat 100% organic,” Patty James is well on her way to revolutionary status. From classes on Raw Foods, Therapeutic Cooking, Value your Vitamins, Knife Skills, and Sauces, to her one of a kind Summer Cooking Camp for kids, the Patty James Cooking School and Nutrition Center is truly an institution of delectable learning. Her web site is [www.pattyjames.com](http://www.pattyjames.com).

CCOF, one of North America’s oldest and largest organic certification agencies, certifies more than 1,500 organic farmers, processors, handlers, retailers, and private labelers in 14 states and 8 countries including about 75% of the organic acreage in California. More than 300 supporting members are comprised of consumers, suppliers and other individuals and businesses interested in furthering CCOF’s work.

### About CCOF

*CCOF, a nonprofit organization, was founded in 1973 and is one of the nation’s oldest and largest third-party organic certifying agencies. CCOF certifies, educates, advocates and promotes organic in California and elsewhere through:*

- *A premier organic certification program for growers, processors, handlers, and retailers.*
- *Programs to increase awareness of and demand for certified organic product and to expand public support for organic agriculture.*
- *Advocacy for governmental policies that protect and encourage organic agriculture.*

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