



**BIO: Julia V. Jordan,  
President/Founder, Spoons Across America®**

Julia V. Jordan is an internationally recognized educator and leader in experiential education. She infuses her passion for teaching children with hands-on, discovery-based learning initiatives.

Currently a Professor of Hospitality Management at New York City College of Technology/CUNY, Julia, also a chef, teaches courses in the culinary arts, food and beverage purchasing, dining room operations and service management. She also coordinates the department's international work/study and internship programs. On behalf of the college, she has developed numerous community Outreach/Partnership programs including City Tech Cooks in the Market, Brooklyn Cooks, Dine in Brooklyn, and Brooklyn Eats. All of these programs are produced in partnership with the Greenmarket Farmers Markets, Brooklyn Borough Hall, and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

Julia is committed to teaching the traditions of "from farm to table" – the importance of supporting local farmers and sharing meals around the family table.

Her most important contribution to the health and well-being of future generations is as founder of **Spoons Across America®**, the source for children's culinary education. **Spoons Across America®** fosters an appreciation for healthy eating and cooking by providing food exploration programs to elementary and middle school children across the nation in classrooms, community-based organizations and health care institutions. The programs include the nationally recognized **The Dinner Party Project®** and **AIWF/NEW YORK Days of Taste®\*** which Spoons Across America® implements for the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food.

Julia is the creator of the **Days of Taste®** program curriculum, an educational taste and health exploration initiative designed for 4th and 5th grade school children which a team of teachers, farmers, chefs, and food professionals present in the classroom.

She is a member of the advisory board of the American Institute of Wine & Food/NY, a professional member of The James Beard Foundation, and was presented the American Institute of Wine & Food's Outstanding Leader Award in 2002.

**ABOUT SPOONS ACROSS AMERICA®:**

*Spoons Across America® (SAA)*- the source for children's culinary education- is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to educating children, teachers, and families about the benefits of healthy eating. We work to influence the eating habits of children through hands-on education that celebrates the connection to local farmers and the important tradition of sharing meals around the family table.



**Spoons Across America**® is a collaborative effort of professional organizations, businesses, and volunteers committed to supporting the **Spoons Across America**® mission. Our partners include The James Beard Foundation; The American Institute of Wine & Food/New York Chapter; Freedman Meats, Inc.; Lonesome Dove Western Bistro, Fort Worth, TX; March of Dimes; New York City College of Technology/CUNY; Greenmarket (the citywide farmers market program of the Council on the Environment of New York City); New York Women's Culinary Alliance; Blue Smoke-Jazz Standard; Wheat Foods Council; plus farmers, chefs, restaurateurs, and food professionals across the United States.

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