SHARON (KOESTERER) VAN METER, W.M.C.S.
Class of 1975 (North)

A graduate of Le Cordon Bleu, Chef Van Meter brings more than 40 years of award-winning and acclaimed culinary experience to the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Chef Van Meter has served the culinary world as Executive Chef of The Ritz-Carlton, International, Professor of American Cuisine at Le Cordon Bleu and Executive Chef in the renowned kitchens of Neiman Marcus, Dallas, Texas. Sharon is CEO of SVM Productions, LLC, a leader in the television, radio and culinary productions world. Currently, Chef Van Meter is co-owner of NOSA Restaurant and Inn in Ojo Caliente, New Mexico.

Chef Van Meter has been inducted in the honorable culinary societies of the American Culinary Federation, World Master Chefs Society, Les Dames d'Escoffier International, and Euro-Toques International. Sharon was inducted into the Texas Restaurant Association prestigious Hall of Honor on July 14th of this year.

She has served as President of the Dallas Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier and 1st Vice President, Les Dames d'Escoffier International. In 2009, Chef Van Meter became the first female Director of the American Culinary Federation-Texas Chefs Association.

Sharon is a member of the National Restaurant Association and has been on the Board of Directors of the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association since 2010; served as President of the GDRA Board of Directors in 2015-2016. Sharon serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas Restaurant Association and is current past chairwoman of the Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation.

Her numerous volunteer and humanitarian efforts range from the fight against hunger by involvement with Share Our Strength's "Taste of the Nation" event to the National AIDS Foundation "Touring Chefs" program to Habitat for Humanity's "House Party." Sharon served on First Lady Michelle Obama's *Chefs Move! to the Schools* task force. In 2008, she received the National Restaurant Association's "Cornerstone Humanitarian Award".