



*laura's gourmet granola*  
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## **West Coast Chef Awarded by Le Cordon Bleu for Leadership**

PHOENIX (Feb. 12, 2010) – Chef Laura Slama of Celebrated Cuisine and Laura’s Gourmet Granola has received the Above and Beyond award from the Le Cordon Bleu Alumni Association for her work in leading the Executive and Leadership Boards.

Chef Laura became one of just four to receive the award at the Alumni Relations Summit in Chicago in January for her work in helping to establish and advance the local alumni chapter. She graduated from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Scottsdale Campus in 2002 with high honors and since its inception in 2009, has worked to develop the Scottsdale alumni chapter, as part of its inaugural team, through mentorship opportunities, events and networking.

“The award was certainly unexpected, but I hope we can continue to grow the base of Le Cordon Bleu alumni locally and highlight the tremendous strides the Valley has made in the culinary world,” Chef Laura said. “We have so much talent here and collaboration will be key if we are to continue to advance the field.”

Chef Laura is the Le Cordon Bleu Scottsdale Chapter Alumni President and an Executive Leadership Board President. The energetic chef also leads several culinary courses at her kitchen, Celebrated Cuisine, as well as Sweet Basil, a gourmetware store and cooking school in Scottsdale, Ariz. When she’s not cooking, teaching or coordinating granola distribution, Chef Laura, now a local celebrity chef, can be found on ABC 15’s Sonoran Living, NBC Channel 12’s Valley Dish, Good Morning Arizona, and FoodiesLive demonstrating techniques and recipes, and demystifying gourmet cuisine.

### **About Chef Laura**

Chef Laura is the founder and owner of Laura’s Gourmet Granola and Celebrated Cuisine, a company that specializes in elegant dinners, cocktail parties and culinary education. Laura’s Gourmet Granola, launched in 2004, includes four flavors and is distributed to specialty retail stores throughout the Southwestern U.S. Chef Laura is a high-honors graduate of Le Cordon Bleu Scottsdale Campus, and currently serves as the Le Cordon Blue Scottsdale Chapter Alumni President and an Alumni Executive Leadership Board President. For more information, visit [www.celebratedcuisine.com](http://www.celebratedcuisine.com).

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