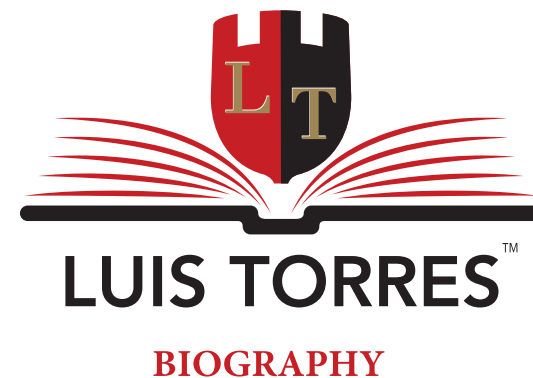




Luis has co-presented with notable chefs including Walter Scheib (White House Chef during the Bush and Clinton eras), Paul Prudhomme, Norman Van Aken and Ted Allen. In 2015 he served as a spokesperson for the California Wine Institute in Bogota, Colombia and Mexico City, Mexico promoting California wines in the emerging markets.

His client list consists of renowned national/international retail and hospitality corporations including Bobby Flay, Kroger, Hilton Hotels, Lettuce Entertain You, JW Marriot Group, Omni Hotels, Pinehurst Resort and C.C., Publix Corporation, Ritz Carlton, The Sandal's Hotel Group, Sofitel Hotels, Loews Hotels, Disney, Target Corporation, Harris Teeter, The Carnegie Mellon Tepper School MBA and The World President's Organization.

Luis and his family have been active in the World Taekwondo Federation since 2007. In 2014, Luis received his received. First Degree Black Belt in March of 2016.



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Luis Torres Biography

South American born and Chicago raised Luis Torres is an education leader and business visionary with a distinctive background in wine supply, distribution and on-and off-premise training. After studying Food Science and Technology in Mexico, Luis launched his career in the restaurant industry. His early experience included an apprenticeship at Charlie Trotter's with Master Sommelier Larry Stone. Luis studied with the Court of Sommeliers and The Wine and Spirits Education Trust. His first major Beverage Director role was with Hilton's Chicago Star Properties where he served as Department Head and Corporate Wine Buyer.

As a manufacturer's representative, Luis has represented a vast portfolio of worldwide prestigious wines. He has directed education for some of the largest wine manufacturing firms including Constellation Brands, Beam Wine Estates and Allied Domecq Wines.



In 2001 Luis co-founded The Academy of Wine and Service Excellence in conjunction with Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein. This training program focuses on educational marketing dedicated to the professional development of trade members in the on-and off-premise channels. Luis and the team from The Academy of Wine and Service Excellence (sponsored by Santé and American Express) educated food and beverage professionals from around the country. The students were trained on general wine knowledge, food and wine cross merchandising and sales and service. Luis has trained more than 70,000 individuals throughout the United States and Latin America over the last 14 years.

Luis has completed training and certification with The Wine and Spirits Education Trust including the Advanced WSET which he passed with distinction (Top 25% in the world), WSET Diploma Level 2 with Merit and he is also a Certified WSET Instructor. Under the banner of The Academy of Wine and Service Excellence and most recently The Constellation Brands Academy of Wine, Luis has delivered comprehensive, interactive professional development workshops in English and Spanish throughout the East Coast, Caribbean, Mexico and Latin America.