



FULL PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - Larry Cafero

WELCOME -

- Scott Dolch, CRA President & CEO
- Rodney Butler, Chairman of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
- Governor Ned Lamont

FRIEND OF THE INDUSTRY

- House Minority Leader Vincent Candelora

VENDOR OF THE YEAR

- Box 8 Creative (New Haven)
- Earth's Palate Farm (Warren)
- Litchfield Distillery (Litchfield)
- Seacoast Mushrooms (Mystic)

CONNECTICUT HOSPITALITY HALL OF FAME *presented by GoNation*

- Shady Glen Restaurant & Ice Cream Parlor (Manchester)

CATERER OF THE YEAR *presented by PowerStation Events*

- Café Louise (West Hartford)
- CT Cocktail Car (New Haven)
- The Eatery (Wallingford)
- ONTHEMARC (Norwalk)
- The Tasty Yolk (Stratford, Bridgeport & Fairfield)

BARTENDER OF THE YEAR *presented by Connecticut Distributors, Inc.*

- Shannon Ciralli | Market Place Kitchen & Bar (Avon)
- Frank Dean | 1928 Cocktail Club (Branford)
- Ryan Pelletier | West Street Grill (Litchfield)
- Sam Reyes | Mariposa (Danbury)
- Victoria Tenzyk | The Mariner (Mystic)

SERVER OF THE YEAR *presented by Skrewball Whiskey*

- Erin Harrington | Engine Room (Mystic)
- Melanie Pabon | The Cottage (Westport)
- Erind Qazimi | Mill on the River (South Windsor)
- Nina Smith | Vinted (West Hartford)
- Meghan Zampedri | Fair Haven Oyster Co. (New Haven)

PASTRY CHEF OF THE YEAR

- Franck Iglesias | Foxwoods Resort Casino (Mashantucket)
- Melissa Knauer | The Benjamin (Ridgefield)
- Jessica Spivey | Oyster Club (Mystic)
- Whang Suh | Hen & Heifer (Guilford)
- Kim Hoang Wood | le Banh Patisserie (Simsbury)

CONNECTICUT HOSPITALITY HALL OF FAME *presented by GoNation*

- Pellicci's Ristorante (Stamford)

COUNTY RESTAURANTS OF THE YEAR *presented by Sysco*

Litchfield County

- Arethusa al tavolo (Bantam)
- At the Corner (Litchfield)
- Materia Ristorante (Bantam)

Fairfield County

- Good Old Days (Newtown)
- L'Ostal (Darien)
- Taproot (Norwalk)

Hartford County

- The Charles (Wethersfield)
- Coracora (West Hartford)
- Union Kitchen (West Hartford)

New Haven County

- Hindsight BBQ (Waterbury)
- Strega (Milford)
- Tavern on State (New Haven)

Tolland County

- Camille's Wood Fired Pizza (Tolland)
- Sichuan Pepper (Vernon)
- Trattoria da Lepri (Ellington)

Middlesex County

- The Essex (Old Saybrook)
- Grano Arso (Chester)
- Osa (Middletown)

Windham County

- 85 Main (Putnam)
- Elizabeth's Farmhouse (Putnam)
- Stone Row Kitchen + Bar (Willimantic)

New London County

- La Belle Aurore (Niantic)
- The Port of Call (Mystic)
- Via Emilia (Mystic)

**CT HOSPITALITY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (CHEF) - Silent Auction
PROSTART RECOGNITION**

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- Elm Street Diner (Stamford)
- Garden Catering (Multiple Locations)
- J. Timothy's Tavernne (Plainville)
- Rein's Deli (Vernon)
- Willimantic Brew Pub (Willimantic)

RESTAURANT NEWCOMER *presented by Brescome Barton*

- 29 Markle Ct (Bridgeport)
- Esh (Fairfield)
- Fire by Forge (Hartford)
- Hachiroku Shokudo & Sake Bar (New Haven)
- Trigo Wood Fired Pizza (Willimantic)

RESTAURATEURS OF THE YEAR *presented by The Hartford*

- Tony Pham & Rich Reyes | Mecha Noodle Bar

CHEF OF THE YEAR *presented by Performance Foodservice*

- David DiStasi | Materia Ristorante (Bantam)
- Macarena Ludena | Coracora (West Hartford)
- David Standridge | The Shipwright's Daughter (Mystic)
- Jeff Taibe | Taproot (Norwalk)
- Colt Taylor | The Essex (Old Saybrook)

OVERALL RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR *presented by Sysco*

- Eight County Winners Are the Finalists

CLOSING & AFTER PARTY - Shrine Nightclub