

## Nevada Restaurant Association Announces 2016 Culinary Excellence Award Winners

The Nevada Restaurant Association presented the Culinary Excellence Awards at the Canyon Gate Country Club on October 6. The annual event honors the best and brightest in the industry, who were selected based on merit in such areas as reliability, teamwork, leadership, contributions of knowledge and time to the community and dedication to the restaurant industry. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Association's Education Foundation, which provides scholarships for high school students interested in starting a career in the restaurant and foodservice industry.



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Candidates were nominated by a group of noted industry professionals in six award categories: Restaurant Neighbor of the Year, Bartender of the Year, Pastry Chef of the Year, Restaurant Allied of the Year, Culinarian of the Year and Restaurateur of the Year. The winners were voted on by the Association's Board of Directors.

The following are a description of the awards, the list of nominees with the names of the winners bolded and the bio of each winner.

### Restaurant Neighbor of the Year

This award recognizes outstanding community service in the industry.

#### **Carmine's NYC Italian Restaurant**

Carmine's is a family style restaurant that offers exceptional value to its guests through their southern Italian cuisine. Carmine's Las Vegas opened in 2013 being the largest restaurant of their locations to open.