

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION



## Celebrating Community Service, Diversity & Leadership in Restaurants

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Partnering with American Express, the Restaurant Neighbor Award honors individuals and restaurants for outstanding community service. The Foundation names three national winners and awards \$10,000 to support their respective causes and community initiatives. Each winner is recognized at the Foundation's annual Awards Gala hosted in Washington, DC.

### DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION:

Partnering with PepsiCo Foodservice, the Foundation's Faces of Diversity Award celebrates people from all backgrounds who have overcome a variety of barriers to achieve personal success in the restaurant and foodservice industry. Three winners are selected, and each receives a \$2,500 scholarship in their name that is awarded to a student pursuing a career in restaurants and/or hospitality. Each winner is recognized at the Foundation's annual Awards Gala hosted in Washington, DC.

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN HOSPITALITY:

The Thad and Alice Eure Ambassador of Hospitality Award, sponsored by Ecolab, is presented to individuals who have reached the pinnacle of their profession and are recognized by their peers for making a positive impact on the restaurant and hospitality industry. The 2018 Ambassador of Hospitality Award was presented to Chef Rick Bayless, an acclaimed restaurateur who created the Frontera Farmers Foundation, which has given more than \$2 million in grants to support small sustainable farms in the Chicago area.

### EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION:

The NRAEF ProStart Educator of Excellence Awards recognize outstanding ProStart educators who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and a passion for helping their students pursue opportunities in culinary arts and restaurant management. The Foundation also partners with Golden Corral to select two ProStart educators for the prestigious James H. Maynard Excellence in Education Award.

### GET INVOLVED:

To learn more about how to apply for an NRAEF award or help the Foundation celebrate the stars of the restaurant and foodservice industry, visit [ChooseRestaurants.org/Awards](https://ChooseRestaurants.org/Awards).