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TUESDAY: Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame

The annual event will define history with two decades of culinary leaders

Who: Local chefs and restaurateurs interested in attending this invitation-only affair.

What: The 20th annual **Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame** will honor its newest recipients on **Tuesday, April 5th at 7 p.m.** Top chefs and restaurant industry professionals from across the state will gather in downtown Scottsdale for this great achievement. The invite-only cocktail reception is hosted by the Scottsdale League for the Arts (SLA) inside Technique Restaurant at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. This year will recognize the winners of three categories as chosen by a public vote.

Winners will be chosen based upon an online poll open through March 18th at www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org, and will receive an Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame Award designed by famed artist, Ed Mell. The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and cocktails throughout the evening. **All food will be prepared by students of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Scottsdale, who will get a chance to strut their stuff for the potential employers in attendance.**

Nominees & Categories:

Chef Extraordinaire:

Outstanding chef who continues to distinguish him- or herself with innovative, quality cuisine.

- * **Chef Chris Curtiss**
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- * **Chef Nobuo Fukuda**
Nobuo at Teeter House
- * **Chef Lee Hillson**
T. Cook's
- * **Chef Greg LaPrad**
Quiessence
- * **Chef Chrysa Robertson**
Rancho Pinot

Pastry Chef Extraordinaire:

Outstanding pastry chef who continues to distinguish him- or herself with innovative, quality pastries.

- * **Pastry Chef Julia Baker**
Julia Baker Confections
- * **Pastry Chef Tammie Coe**
Tammie Coe Cakes
- * **Pastry Chef Tracy Dempsey**
Tracy Dempsey Originals
- * **Pastry Chef Roy Pell**
The Phoenixian
- * **Pastry Chef Eugenia Theodosopoulos**
Essence Bakery

Exceptional Establishment:

Progressive restaurant or restaurant group that has made valuable contributions to the surrounding community.

- * **Binkley's Restaurant**
- * **Fox Restaurant Concepts**
- * **Quiessence**
- * **Tarbell's**
- * **Vincent on Camelback**

Alex Simons Lifetime Achievement Award:

- * **The Honorable Carolyn S. Allen**

Where: (Invite only) Technique Restaurant at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts Skybridge Campus, 4301 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ

The Scottsdale League for the Arts is a nonprofit (501)(c)3 charitable organization that raises funds for art and art education programs throughout Arizona. Since 2002, the League has contributed more than \$3.5 million to numerous organizations benefiting children, such as Ballet Arizona, Childsplay, Free Arts of Arizona, Greasepaint Youth Theatre, Jazz in Arizona, Phoenix Boys Choir and the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. For additional information about the League or about becoming a member or volunteer, contact SLA at 7309 E. Evans Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260, by phone at (480) 945-7193., or visit the Web site, www.LeagueForTheArts.org, or www.ScottsdaleCulinaryFestival.org.

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