

Restaurateur of the Year Winners

Year	First	Last	Company
2020	Michael & Jeff	Thor & Mickel	Whiskey Kitchen
2019	Lance	Trenary	Golden Corral Corporation
2018	Clark	Barlowe	Heirloom Restaurant
2017	Gaurav	Patel	Eschelon Experiences
2016	Marty	Kotis	Kick Ass Concepts
2015	Chris	Foote	Longhorn Steakhouse - Salisbury
2014	Lou & Joy	Moshakos	LM Restaurants
2013	Greg	Hatem	Empire Properties
2012	Steve	Frabitore	Tupelo Honey
2011	Dean	Ogan	Rocky Top Hospitality
2010	Sara	Foster	Foster's Market
2009	Mickey	Ewell	Chapel Hill Restaurant Group
2008	Billy	Sewell	Platinum Corral
2007	Ken	Conrad	Libby Hill Seafood
2006	Tommy & Donna	Haddock	Tri Arc Bojangles
2005	Charles	Ervin	Ham's
2004	Dennis & Nancy	Quaintance	Quaintance Weaver
2003	Dave	Gronewoller	GC Partners
2002	Thomas	Ruff	Biltmore Estate
2001	Ted	Fowler	Golden Corral
2000	Nick and Mayo	Boddie	Boddie-Noell
1999	Michael	Olander	Apple Gold
1998	Van	Eure	The Angus Barn
1997	Frank	Freeman	
1996	Cameron	McRae	Bojangles
1995	R. Boyd	Morris	
1994	Wayne M.	Bunting	
1993	Wayne F.	Abele	
1992	Michael W.	Kelly	Kelly's Restaurant
1991	Scott H.	Richardson	
1990	L. Dent	Miller	
1989	Earl B.	Taylor Sr.	
1988	Charles F.	Connor Jr.	
1987	Thomas D.	Mincher	
1986	Karl	Lack	
1985	James	Maynard	Golden Corral
1984	Charles	Winston	
1983	J.W. "Slug"	Claiborne	Claiborne's BBQ
1982	John	Dombalis	The Mecca
1981	Jack	Laughery	
1980	Marshall	Digh	
1979	Ray	Lackey	
1978	B.C.	Hedgpeth	
1977	Edward C.	Thompson	
1976	Keith J.	Dunn	