

Restaurateur of the Year Past Winners

First	Last	Company	Year
Scott	Crawford	Crawford Hospitality	2023
Giorgios	Bakatsias	Giorgios Hospitality Group	2022
Charles	Winston, Jr.	Winston's Grille	2021
Wil	O'Neal	Winston's Grille	2021
Jeff	Mickel	Whiskey Kitchen	2020
Michael	Thor	Whiskey Kitchen	2020
Lance	Trenary	Golden Corral Corporation	2019
Clark	Barlowe	Heirloom Restaurant	2018
Gaurav	Patel	Eschelon Experiences	2017
Marty	Kotis	Kick Ass Concepts	2016
Chris	Foote	Longhorn Steakhouse - Salisbury	2015
Lou & Joy	Moshakos	LM Restaurants	2014
Greg	Hatem	Empire Properties	2013
Steve	Frabitore	Tupelo Honey	2012
Dean	Ogan	Rocky Top Hospitality	2011
Sara	Foster	Foster's Market	2010
Mickey	Ewell	Chapel Hill Restaurant Group	2009
Billy	Sewell	Platinum Corral	2008
Ken	Conrad	Libby Hill Seafood	2007
Tommy & Donna	Haddock	Tri Arc Bojangles	2006
Charles	Ervin	Ham's	2005
Dennis & Nancy	Quaintance	Quaintance Weaver	2004
Dave	Gronewoller	GC Partners	2003
Thomas	Ruff	Biltmore Estate	2002
Ted	Fowler	Golden Corral	2001
Nick and Mayo	Boddie	Boddie-Noell	2000
Michael	Olander	Apple Gold	1999
Van	Eure	The Angus Barn	1998
Frank	Freeman		1997
Cameron	McRae	Bojangles	1996
R. Boyd	Morris		1995
Wayne M.	Bunting		1994
Wayne F.	Abele		1993
Michael W.	Kelly	Kelly's Restaurant	1992
Scott H.	Richardson		1991
L. Dent	Miller		1990
Earl B.	Taylor Sr.		1989
Charles F.	Connor Jr.		1988
Thomas D.	Mincher		1987

Karl	Lack		1986
James	Maynard	Golden Corral	1985
Charles	Winston		1984
J.W. "Slug"	Claiborne	Claiborne's BBQ	1983
John	Dombalis	The Mecca	1982
Jack	Laughery		1981
Marshall	Digh		1980
Ray	Lackey		1979
B.C.	Hedgpeth		1978
Edward C.	Thompson		1977
Keith J.	Dunn		1976