



THE 2020 JAMES BEARD AWARD NOMINEES

We are proud to announce the nominees for the 2020 James Beard Awards presented by Capital One. This announcement comes on what would have been the 30th Anniversary James Beard Awards in Chicago. Over the past few months COVID-19 has upended the restaurant community in every facet. During this time the Foundation has turned its attention to supporting the relief and rebuild efforts, postponing Awards activities to instead focus on the James Beard Foundation Food and Beverage Industry Relief Fund, which to date has disbursed more than \$4 million to independent, locally owned restaurants around the country. After consultation with chefs and restaurateurs across the country, the Foundation decided to announce the 2020 nominees and honorees, and set the dates for this year's remaining Awards events, which recognize work done in 2019.

The announcement was livestreamed via our [Twitter](#) account and co-hosted by VISIT PHILADELPHIA President and CEO Jeff Guaracino and the Beard Foundation's CEO, Clare Reichenbach.

Additionally, today we're announcing that the Foundation will forego a physical ceremony for the 2020 Media Awards. Instead, we will issue a press release on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 announcing the winners. Restaurant & Chef Award winners are now slated to be announced on Friday, September 25, 2020, from Chicago, broadcast live via the James Beard Foundation's Twitter feed. Stay tuned for more information on the September announcement.

See the full list of nominees below.

2020 James Beard Foundation Outstanding

Restaurant Design Awards

Outstanding Design of Alternative Eating & Drinking Places

Firms: Lori Chemla

Project: Carissa's the Bakery, East Hampton, NY

Firms: Stonehill Taylor, MCR/Morse Development and Aaron Sciandra

Project: Connie, Queens, NY

Firms: Studio Dewberry and Workstead

Project: Citrus Club, Charleston, SC

Design Icon

Chez Panisse, Berkeley, CA