A CELEBRATED FOOD CITY

"Chicago's dynamic dining has made it a culinary destination for well-traveled foodies."  — USA TODAY

Over 4,700 restaurants

48,500 culinary professionals

Hosts the world’s largest food festival

62 food company headquarters

James Beard Award semiﬁnalists and nominees since 2011

92

106 restaurants with Michelin stars since 2012

Home of the best restaurant in the world

“How Chicago is a food city that’s second to none.”  — HUFFINGTON POST

CHICAGO’S FINEST

Chicago is home to some of the ﬁnest chefs and restaurants. Here are just a few of the city’s best:

Grant Achatz
Alinea
Alina

Rick Bayless
Frontera Grill
Topolobampo
Xoco

Jose Garces
Mercat a la Planxa
Rural Society

Stephanie Izard
Girl & the Goat
Little Goat

Beverly Kim*
Parachute

Ryan McGaskey*
Acadia

Shawn McClain*
Green Zebra

* Kendall College Alumni

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CHICAGO’S PATH TO
THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION® AWARDS

HOW CHICAGO BECAME A CULINARY MECCA

Famous chefs, decorated restaurants and competitive rankings make Chicago more than deserving to host the 2015 James Beard Awards. In the heart of one of the best culinary cities in the country, Chicago’s top-ranked culinary school — Kendall College — is teaching the next generation of award-winning chefs.

THE HISTORY OF A CULINARY CAPITAL

THE STOCKYARDS
PUT CHICAGO AT THE CENTER OF THE MEATPACKING INDUSTRY

1865

THE CHICAGO HOT DOG IS CREATED

1929

THE CITY’S NO. 1 CULINARY SCHOOL IS ESTABLISHED: KENDALL COLLEGE

1934

THE CANDY CAPITAL

1900s

ITALIAN BEEF IS DEVISED

1930s

CHICAGO IS NAMED

MALTED MILKSHAKE IS MIXED UP

1922

1990s

CHICAGO CONTINUES AS THE HOST CITY FOR THE JAMES BEARD AWARDS

2016–17

1983

THE BROWNIE MAKES ITS DELICIOUS DEBUT

1998

1943

DEEP-DISH PIZZA IS INVENTED

106 restaurants with Michelin stars since 2012

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