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Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire*

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6:30 - 9:30 pm at The Trianon Bonita Bay

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PRESENTATION BY HONOREE

Chef Brian Roland
Crave Culinaire and Venue Naples

FGCU STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Randall S. Upchurch, Dir.
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Florida Gulf Coast University

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Susan Vareschi, Auctioneer

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STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM CHEF

From one of our scholarship recipients:

“The support that you have provided goes further than anything financial. It touches me emotionally knowing that there is that extra group of people who care to see me achieve academically and professionally, and I thank you for that.”

CHEF is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization that provides scholarships and other educational opportunities to the next generation of area culinary and hospitality arts professionals.

We are best known for our scholarship program, having awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to close to 200 students from Collier and Lee Counties since our organization began in 2001. Since 2007, three institutes of higher learning manage and administer our scholarships: The Culinary Institute of America, Johnson & Wales University, and Florida Gulf Coast University Resort and Hospitality Management School.

As well, we work with culinary programs at four local high schools and three VoTechs to enhance what they are able to offer. To reward excellence, we provide Certificates of Merit for teachers to award to their Most Outstanding Culinary Student of the Year. Believing that competitions present valuable learning opportunities for students to put their skills and knowledge to the test, we help fund school teams to compete in district and state competitions.

We also try to respond positively when asked to help fund equipment as well as food supplies that schools might otherwise not be able to afford.

OUR HONOREE BRIAN ROLAND

“Our philosophy is simple,” says Brian.

“Give our guests an experience that will heighten their senses, provoke their emotions, tease their palates, and make them smile. We must respect that this is a form of art, where all who participate may express themselves.”



Chef Brian is known for always bringing with him an element of surprise, a big warm personality and an understanding and appreciation for building the perfect dining experience.

Born and raised in Princeton, New Jersey, and he is a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America. He has worked for several well known French chefs, including Daniel Boulud and Patrick Verre, and has worked as Executive Chef in top kitchens locally, including Chops City Grill, Cru Lush Wines and Pure Food, and M. Waterfront Grille.

He is the creative drive behind Crave Culinaire, a Personal Chef Concierge and Event Company, and will soon be opening Venue Naples, a multi-use event space and art gallery in North Naples. Brian was featured recently on CNBC's Restaurant Startup and has been a longtime member of the American Culinary Federation and the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs. Crave's philanthropic efforts have helped raise several million dollars locally and have become a driving force behind their passion for excellence.

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