OFFICIAL BALLOT

Omaha Restaurant Association

Restaurateur of the Year 2025 | Purveyor of the Year 2025
Harold Norman Excellence Award 2025

Please vote on the ballot below by January 9th, 2026 and return it to:

Omaha Restaurant Association | 4270 N. 139th Street | Omaha, NE 68164
E-Mail: JWarren@DineOutOften.com

Winners will be presented at this year's 2026 Annual Meeting
on January 25th, 2026 and will not be informed prior to the meeting.

RESTAURATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025

YOU CANNOT SELECT A PAST RECIPIENT

Please choose someone you believe stands out in the industry through providing an outstanding business as well as contributing to the industry through the ORA and other civic causes.

PRIOR WINNERS

1989 Mac Thompson
1990 Rick Fox
1991 Linda Anania
1992 Ron Samuelson
1993 David Hayes
1994 John Chisholm
1995 Bill McKenna
1996 R. Tim Peffer
1997 Mark Hoch
1998 Denis Hall
1999 Matt Warren
2000 Brian Magee
2001 Sally Kawa
2002 Vince Fletcher
2003 Ann Mellen
2004 Nicole Jesse
2005 Chuck Caniglia
2006 Cedric Fichepain
2007 Katie O'Connor
2008 Tony Fucinaro, Jr.
2009 Cory Guyer
2010 John Wade
2011 Yves Menard
2012 Greg Lindberg
2012 Don & Marie Losole
2013 Brad Marr
2014 Glenn Wheeler
2015 Jared Clarke
2016 Jennifer Coco
2017 Darwin Hanssen
2018 Dave Mainelli
2019 Greg Cutchall
2020 Mitch Tempus
2021 Bob & Amy Freshman
2022 Alfie Cascio
2023 Raechel & Zach Van Buskirk
2024 Anthony Hitchcock

PURVEYOR OF THE YEAR 2025

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE PURVEYORS

All outstanding companies, who promote the mission of the ORA by sponsoring and attending the events and have a strong desire to improve the hospitality industry.

VOTE FOR ONE

- ◯ Larsen Supply Co.
- ◯ Nebraska Textile & Supply
- ◯ Premier Midwest Beer & Beverage
- ◯ Quail Distributing
- ◯ US Foods

2012 Rotella's Italian Bakery
2013 Omaha Steaks
2014 Quality Brands of Omaha
2015 Reinhart Food Service
2016 Loffredo's Fresh Foods
2017 Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits
2018 H. Olafsson International Specialty Foods
2019 Spin Linen
2020 TriMark Hockenberg's
2021 Chesterman Coca-Cola
2022 Glenn Valley Foods
2023 Johnson Brothers of NE.
2024 Performance Food Group

HAROLD NORMAN EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025

Choose any employee who shows strong leadership, works hard, is dedicated, loyal and wants to see improvement in the industry.

**Include a short story of why you choose this person.*

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PRIOR WINNERS

2014 Katie Vap
2015 Kevin Caniglia
2016 Brian Young
2017 Bobby Mekiney
2018 Pedro "Pete" Garcia
2019 Linda Faye Austin
2020 Zac Triemert
2021 Danny Dominguez
2022 Dave Warren
2023 Jesus Garibay
2024 Henry Rice

2025 _____
Please fill in your choice for RESTAURATEUR OF THE YEAR

2025 _____
Please fill in your choice for HAROLD NORMAN EXCELLENCE AWARD
(EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR)

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