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**Les Dames d'Escoffier International Partners with the Julia Child Foundation
To Offer Seven Unique Culinary Mentorship Experiences
2019 Legacy Awards - Call for Entries**

Louisville, KY (January 2, 2019) – Les Dames d'Escoffier International (LDEI) and the Julia Child Foundation for Gastronomy and Culinary Arts have partnered to offer the prestigious Legacy Awards, curated culinary experiences designed specifically to enhance the careers of women in food, beverage and hospitality. Women with a minimum of four years culinary industry experience are eligible to apply. For application: <http://bit.ly/LegacyApplication2019>

"LDEI celebrates its eighth year of partnership with the Julia Child Foundation providing amazing mentorship experiences. We look forward to the inspiration the award winners bring to our members and hosts." Ann Stratte, President, Les Dames d'Escoffier International

This year, LDEI members and chapters are offering seven Legacy Awards, in four categories, contributing workplace experiences in the US, Canada, and England, including:

- **Ann Arbor, Michigan CULINARY AWARD, Zingerman's Family of Businesses**
- **Austin, Texas CULINARY AWARD, Quality Seafood**
- **New Orleans, Louisiana CULINARY AWARD, Compère Lapin**
- **Nottinghamshire and London, England CULINARY AWARD, Welbeck Abbey School of Artisan Food**
- **Livermore Valley, California BEVERAGE & HOSPITALITY AWARD, Wente Family Estates**
- **British Columbia, Canada WINE AWARD, Okanagan Valley Wineries**
- **New England FARM TO SEA TO TABLE AND JOURNALISM AWARD, New England Food System**

"Year after year the LDEI Legacy Awards program delivers. It delivers exciting career development opportunities; it delivers on providing enriching personal experiences; and, it delivers life-changing

moments. In 2019, an established program of women mentoring other women to take their professional pursuits to the next level, is exactly the kind of initiative the Foundation is proud to continue to support.”
Todd Schulkin, Executive Director, The Julia Child Foundation for Gastronomy and the Culinary Arts.

2019 Legacy Award details and contact information: <http://bit.ly/LegacyAwards2019>

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Les Dames d’Escoffier International (LDEI) is a worldwide philanthropic organization of professional women leaders in the fields of food, beverage and hospitality. The invitation-only membership, composed of 2,400 women in 42 chapters across the US, Canada, France, the United Kingdom and Mexico, is highly diversified and reflects the multifaceted fields of contemporary gastronomy and hospitality. For more information, visit www.ldei.org