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LES DAMES D'ESCOFFIER INTERNATIONAL INTRODUCES 2022 LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

LOUISVILLE, KY – December 6, 2022 – Les Dames d'Escoffier International (LDEI) and The Julia Child Foundation for Gastronomy and Culinary Arts are pleased to introduce the recipients of the 2022 LDEI Legacy Awards. This is the 10th year of the award which provides curated culinary experiences hosted by members of Les Dames D'Escoffier built to enhance the careers of women in food, beverage, and hospitality through real-life experiences and focused mentorship.

The LDEI Legacy Awards are open to women with a minimum of four years' experience in the food, fine beverage or hospitality fields who strive to gain the insight and experience to become leaders in the industries. The award categories for 2022 are: Supply Chain, Hotels & Hospitality, Fine Spirits, Wine & Hospitality, Culinary, and Culinary Entrepreneurship.

The 2022 LDEI Legacy Award recipients are:

Nicola Buchanan | The Supply Chain Award

Beyond Food Service: A Deep Dive into the Supply Chain (Austin, Texas)

Hosted by Carol Huntsberger and the Austin Chapter

Nicola Buchanan is the Director of Business Development and Engagement for Performance Foodservice Middendorf. With 20 years of experience in foodservice distribution in sales, marketing, and management, she is dedicated to the success of her customers. Nicola and her family live in St. Louis, Missouri.

Luisamaria Castillo | The Hotels and Hospitality Award

Hotels and Hospitality at the Hermitage (Nashville, Tennessee)

Hosted by Dee Patel and the Nashville Chapter

Luisa Castillo is an up-and-coming leader in Mexico's thriving hospitality industry. She has spent more than eight years in luxury hospitality in sales, marketing. Luisamaria is from Puebla, Mexico.

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Marta Rivera Diaz | Culinary Entrepreneurship Award

Philadelphia Dames: How to Grow a Business (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Hosted by Jill Weber and the Philadelphia Chapter

Marta Rivera Diaz is the chef and author behind Sense and Edibility®, a food site created to teach home cooks everything they need to know about cooking, baking, and cocktail-making. Marta, her husband and son live in San Antonio, Texas.

Liz Einhorn | The Fine Spirits Award

Spirits in New Orleans (New Orleans, Louisiana)

Hosted by Dame Christa Cotton, CEO of El Guapo Bitters, and the New Orleans Chapter

Liz Einhorn is the Founder and CEO of Experience Threee, a Hospitality consulting firm specializing in growth strategy and brand management. Prior to starting her firm, she spent a decade at The Boston Beer Company handling national accounts and launching brands such as Angry Orchard and Truly Seltzer. Liz lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Samantha Etienne | The Culinary Award

An Insider Experience at Zingerman's (Ann Arbor, Michigan)

Hosted by Dame Amy Emberling, Zingerman's Bakehouse and the Ann Arbor chapter.

Samantha Etienne is the founder of Rose Catering, an Atlanta-based catering company. Samantha enrolled in Clemson University to study biology but redirected when her love of cooking and hospitality pulled her towards culinary school. Samantha is Haitian-American which infuses her passion and drive to provide warm hospitality and outstanding food.

Tanya Roth | The Wine and Hospitality Award

Wente Family Estates (Livermore, California)

Hosted by Grande Dame Carolyn Wente, Chairwoman of the Board and Owner of Wente Family Estates.

Tanya Shevloff-Roth is the Director of Events and Beverage for The Pier Sixty Collection in New York City. In her 20-year career in the food and beverage industry, Tanya has led operations for top hospitality brands including Hilton Hotels where started her career after graduating from Central Florida University.

The 2022 LDEI Legacy Awards chair was Kathy Gold from the Philadelphia chapter of LDEI. The awards are sponsored by The Julia Child Foundation for Gastronomy and Culinary Arts and the Timothy S.Y. Lam Foundation.

LDEI will begin accepting nominations for the 2023 Legacy Award January 10, 2023. Applications can be found at www.ldei.org/awards.

Les Dames d'Escoffier International (LDEI) is an international organization of women leaders who create a supportive culture in their communities to achieve excellence in the fields of food, beverage, and hospitality. The organization's 2,400 members in 43 chapters in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Italy provide leadership, educational opportunities, and philanthropy. LDEI chapters raised and donated more than \$525,000 to community non-profits and philanthropic organizations in 2021. For more information, visit www.ldei.org and follow LDEI on Instagram and Twitter @lesdamesintl and Facebook Les Dames d'Escoffier Int'l.

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