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## **AWARD WINNERS CELEBRATE THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY OF MARYLAND**

The Restaurant Association of Maryland salutes the “Stars of the Industry”  
with the 2011 award winners!

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(Columbia, Maryland)—The Restaurant Association of Maryland is excited to announce the winners of the awards bestowed at the 57th Annual McCormick & Company Stars of the Industry Awards Gala. The Gala Celebration and Awards presentation took place on Monday, May 16 at 6pm at Martin’s West in Baltimore, MD. This Annual Awards Gala is a spectacular event of industry recognition that brings together over 600 of hospitality’s best and brightest to spotlight the industry’s influence as a part of the nation’s foundation of opportunity. The public voting was intense with thousands of votes collected. Congratulations to all of our nominees, honorees and award winners!

### **AWARD WINNERS AND HONOREES**

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**2011 Restaurateur of the Year** - Billy Carder, BJ’s on the Water (Ocean City)

**2011 Chef of the Year** - Chef Brian Boston, The Milton Inn (Sparks)

**2011 Favorite Bar or Tavern** - Fish Tales (Ocean City)

**2011 Pastry Chef of the Year** - Chef Isaiah Billington (Baltimore)

**2011 Wine and Beverage Program of the Year** - Victoria Gastro Pub (Columbia)

**2011 Maryland’s Favorite New Restaurant** - B&O American Brasserie (Baltimore)

**2011 Maryland’s Favorite Restaurant** - Sunset Grille (Ocean City)

**2011 Green Restaurant of the Year** - The Crab Shanty Restaurant (Ellicott City)

**2011 Allied Member of the Year** - Payce Payroll represented by Brian Pfeifer

**The Brice & Shirley Phillips Lifetime Industry Achievement Award** - Lawrence Wilhelm  
(Friendly Farm Family Style Restaurant)

**The Schellhase Award** - William King III (The Crab Shanty Restaurant)

**The McCormick Cornerstone Award** - Galaxy 66 Bar & Grille (Ocean City);  
Glory Days Grill (Gaithersburg); The Greene Turtle Sports Bar and Grille (Edgewater);  
Graul’s Market & Café (Lutherville); Moxie Bakery & Café (Frederick);  
Phillips Seafood (Baltimore); Rí Rá Irish Pub (Bethesda)

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## AWARD WINNERS AND HONOREES (continued)

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**Maryland Hospitality Hall of Honor Inductees** - Brewer's Alley Restaurant & Brewery (Frederick); Double T Diner (Statewide); The Greene Turtle Sports Bar and Grille (Statewide); The Grille at Harryman House (Reisterstown); Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant (Hagerstown)

**RAMEF ProStart Teacher of the Year** - Laura Safrit (Rising Sun High School)

**RAMEF ProStart Student of the Year** - Elinn Hesse (Howard County ARL)

For more information on the Annual Industry Awards Gala or a complete list of nominees, please visit [www.marylandrestaurants.com](http://www.marylandrestaurants.com) or contact Jennie Silver, Manager of Marketing and Special Events by calling 410-290-6800.

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The Restaurant Association of Maryland (RAM) celebrates 75 years serving the restaurant and foodservice by maintaining core principles born out of the first national financial crisis. In 1927 a small group of Baltimore area restaurateurs met to deal with the challenges facing the economy and the foodservice industry. Today, RAM is a 2,000 member strong statewide trade association operated for the purpose of promoting, protecting and improving the foodservice industry in the State of Maryland. Since the very beginning, the Association has been run by restaurateurs and suppliers working not only for the benefit of dues paying members, but also for the restaurant industry as a whole. For more information about the restaurant industry in Maryland please visit our website at [www.marylandrestaurants.com](http://www.marylandrestaurants.com).