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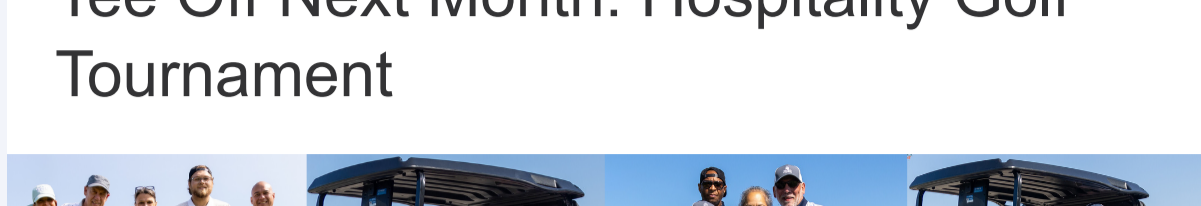
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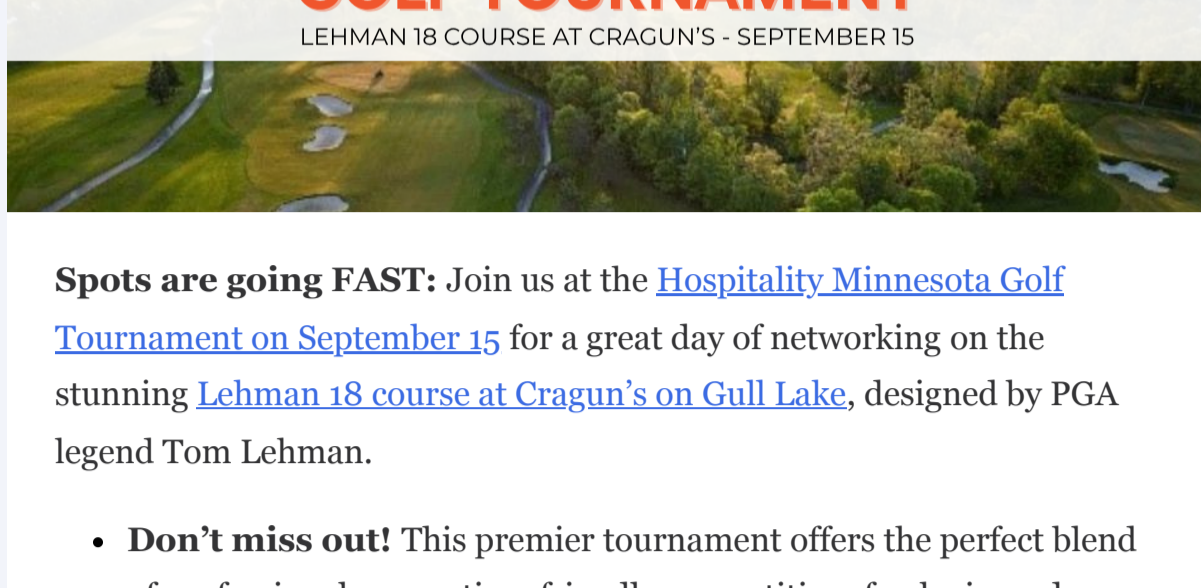
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Is your organization interested in sponsorship? [Email us](#) to learn more.



Tee Off Next Month: Hospitality Golf Tournament



Spots are going FAST: Join us at the [Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament on September 15](#) for a great day of networking on the stunning [Lehman 18 course at Cragun's on Gull Lake](#), designed by PGA legend Tom Lehman.

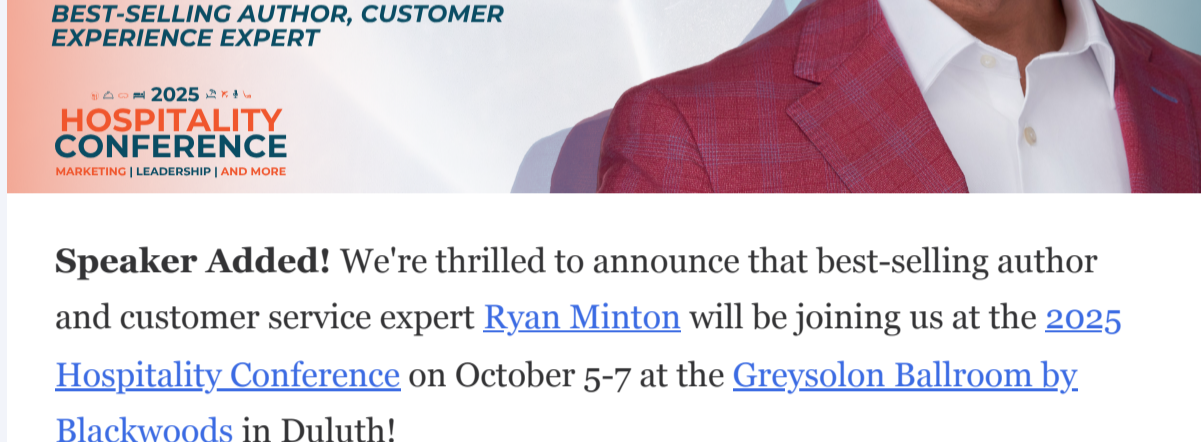
- **Don't miss out!** This premier tournament offers the perfect blend of professional connection, friendly competition, fresh air, and lakeside camaraderie!
- **Not a good golfer?** Don't let that stop you from signing up – we've added a prize for highest score this year – EVERYONE can be a winner!

Interested in sponsoring? Few opportunities remain. Check out this year's available sponsorships [HERE!](#)

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2025 Hospitality Conference Speaker Spotlight: Ryan Minton



Speaker Added! We're thrilled to announce that best-selling author and customer service expert [Ryan Minton](#) will be joining us at the [2025 Hospitality Conference](#) on October 5-7 at the [Greysolon Ballroom by Blackwoods](#) in Duluth!

About Ryan: As a former senior vice president for industry giants like Hilton, Marriott, and IHG, Ryan has a proven track record of boosting revenue, profits, and employee engagement through strong operational leadership and team development.

- **What to expect:** He'll be sharing his innovative strategies on leadership, team building, and goal-setting that are sure to inspire you and your team.

Book your stay: Member-only early-bird registration is now open! We encourage attendees to [book their stay at the Sheraton Duluth Hotel now](#). The room block is open until September 5th.

- **Yes, and:** Attendees who register 3 or more people for 2025 Hospitality Conference and receive \$50 each registration!
- **See what to expect yourself:** [Click here to view our Working Agenda!](#)

[Register Now!](#)

Stars of the Industry — Call for Nominations Now Open



We're rolling out the red carpet: Our team is excited to premiere the Hospitality Minnesota Stars of the Industry Awards Gala on December 4th at The Lofton Hotel in Minneapolis.

- **What to expect:** A night dedicated to celebrating the exceptional talent, dedication, and innovation that makes our industry extraordinary.

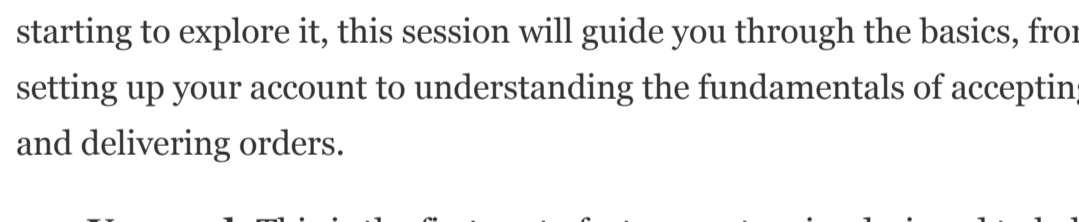
Nominations needed: We need your help finding the stars who deserve recognition. Please nominate a deserving colleague, employee, or industry partner for one of the following awards:

- Restaurateur of the Year
- Hotelier of the Year
- Chef of the Year
- Resort/Campground Owner/Operator of the Year
- Hospitality Supplier of the Year
- David Burley Innovation in Hospitality Award
- Hall of Fame Inductions
- and more!

Nominate industry stars: You can submit your favorites for consideration via our [nomination form](#).

[Click Here to Nominate!](#)

Register for Next Week's Operating Now featuring DoorDash



Next Wednesday: Join Strategic Merchant Lead at DoorDash [Victor Gomez](#) for [DoorDash 101: A Beginner's Guide to Getting Started](#) next Wednesday, August 20, at 10 AM.

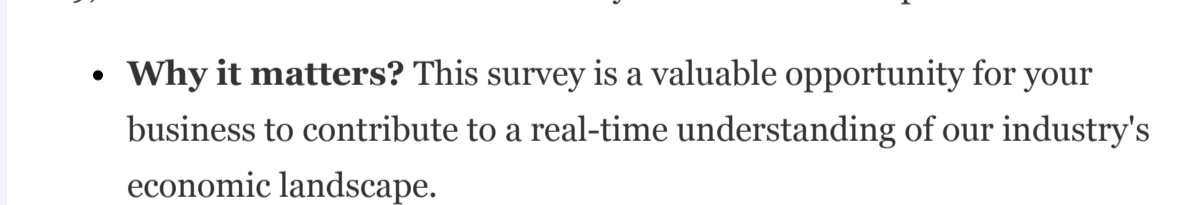
What to expect: Whether you're new to the DoorDash platform or just starting to explore it, this session will guide you through the basics, from setting up your account to understanding the fundamentals of accepting and delivering orders.

- **Yes, and:** This is the first part of a two-part series designed to help you hit the ground running with DoorDash. The second webinar will take place on [Wednesday, November 12 at 10:00 AM](#).

- **Check your inbox after the webinar:** A survey will be sent in your registration confirmation so the series can be tailored to best suit attendee needs.

[Read the Full Analysis](#)

On the Horizon: September Hospitality Conditions Survey



Stay proactive: Hospitality Minnesota will again partner with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for their September 2025 Business Conditions Survey. The survey will be open for your input September 3 - 19, and we will send a link out to everyone as soon as it opens!

- **Why it matters?** This survey is a valuable opportunity for your business to contribute to a real-time understanding of our industry's economic landscape.

Why participate?

- **Inform key decision-makers:** Your responses help the Minneapolis Fed and Hospitality Minnesota educate business leaders, policymakers, and the public about current conditions.
- **Quick & easy:** The online survey takes only 7 minutes to complete. Confidentiality assured: All individual responses are kept strictly confidential.
- **Targeted insights:** We encourage owners or key financial decision-makers to participate for the most accurate feedback.

What your participation revealed last time: The [key takeaways](#) from May's Hospitality Conditions Survey revealed an industry struggling with declining revenue while navigating higher costs and other compounding obstacles.

[View May's Key Takeaways](#)

In The News

- [Gunflint Lodge, a classic MN resort, marks 100 years in the BWCA](#) | Star Tribune
- [Mystic Lake is opening a new bar and event space for 'the next generation of guests'](#) | Bring Me The News
- [The Shoreline Hotel Opening, Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota](#) | Travel + Leisure

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