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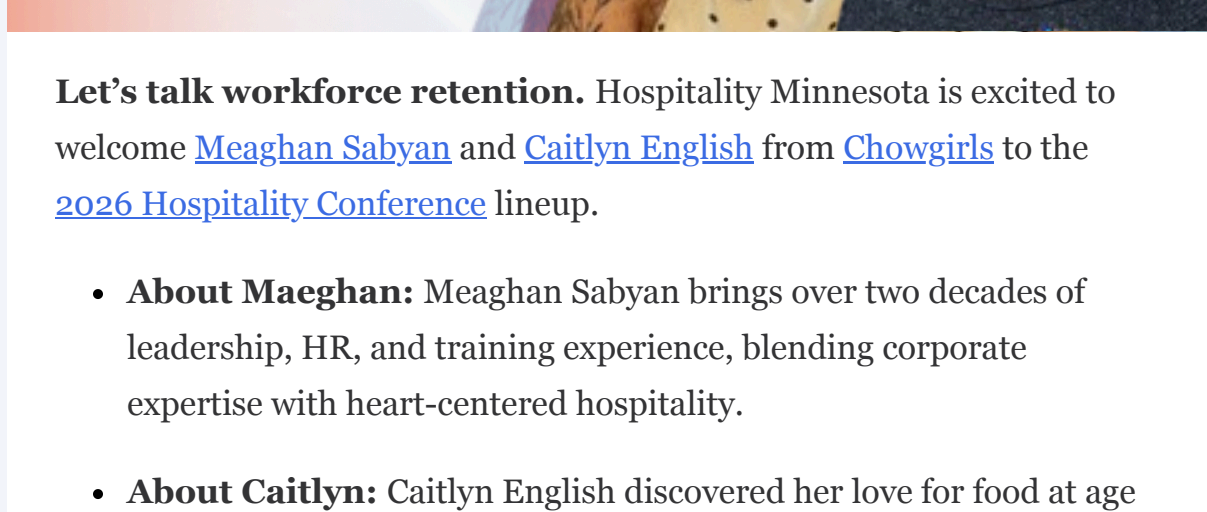
In today's August 3, 2026 Update:

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- **September 14 - Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament:** [Join Hospitality Leaders at Legends Golf Club in Prior Lake](#)
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Meaghan and Caitlyn of Chowgirls to Join the 2026 Hospitality Conference



Let's talk workforce retention. Hospitality Minnesota is excited to welcome [Meaghan Sabyan](#) and [Caitlyn English](#) from [Chowgirls](#) to the [2026 Hospitality Conference](#) lineup.

- **About Maeghan:** Meaghan Sabyan brings over two decades of leadership, HR, and training experience, blending corporate expertise with heart-centered hospitality.

- **About Caitlyn:** Caitlyn English discovered her love for food at age six and has spent her life learning every corner of the industry.

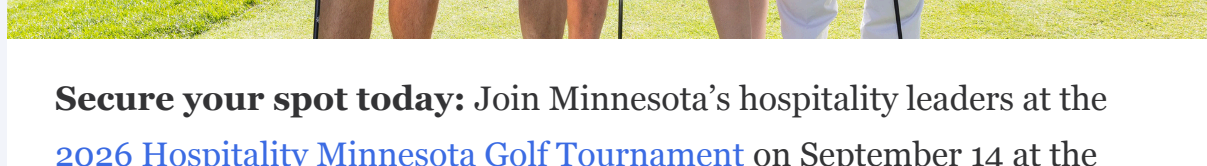
About their session, "The Power of Intentional Training":

Hospitality runs on people - yet the industry loses them at a staggering rate, with retention hovering between 10–20%.

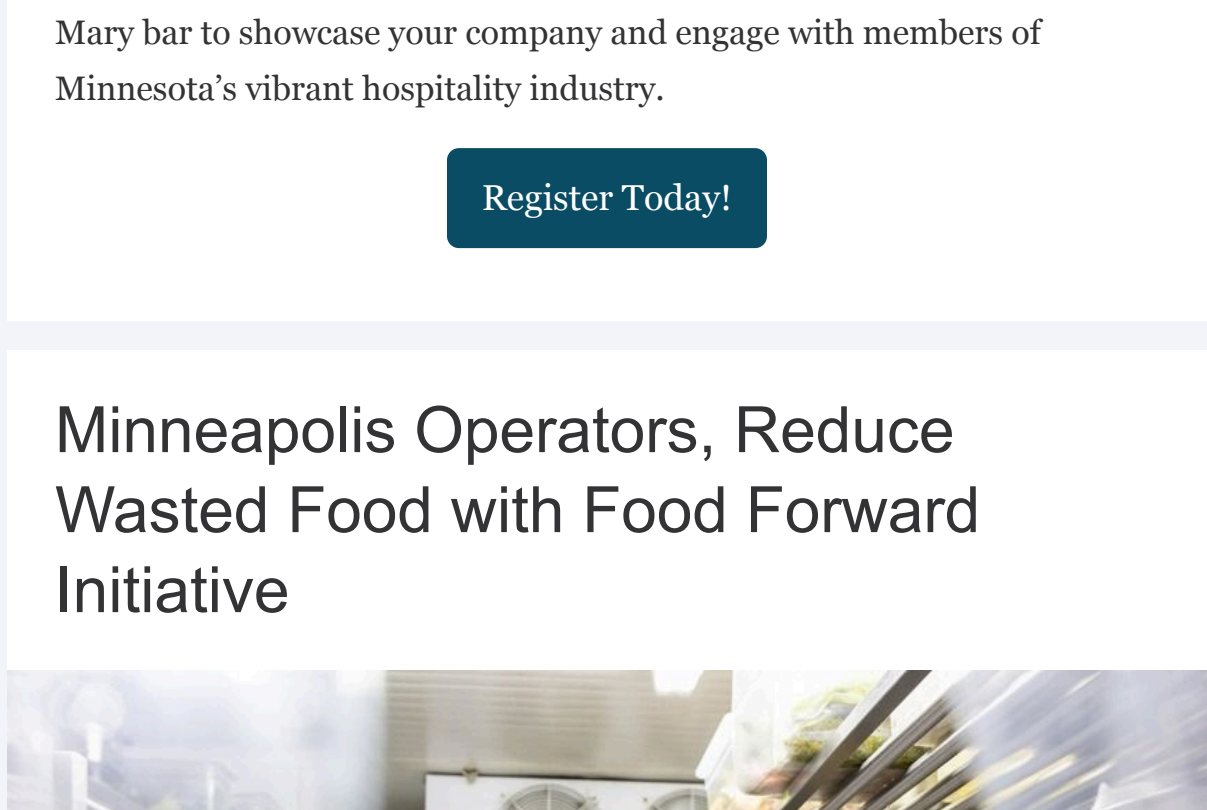
- **By the numbers:** Chowgirls has elected to stop accepting that as inevitable. By rebuilding their training program from the ground up, they achieved an average staff retention rate of 65% - and the results go far beyond the numbers.

- **Go deeper:** Read more about Caitlyn and Maeghan [here](#) and learn more/register for the 2026 Hospitality Conference [here](#).

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HM Golf Tournament Returns September 14, Now At Legends Golf Club



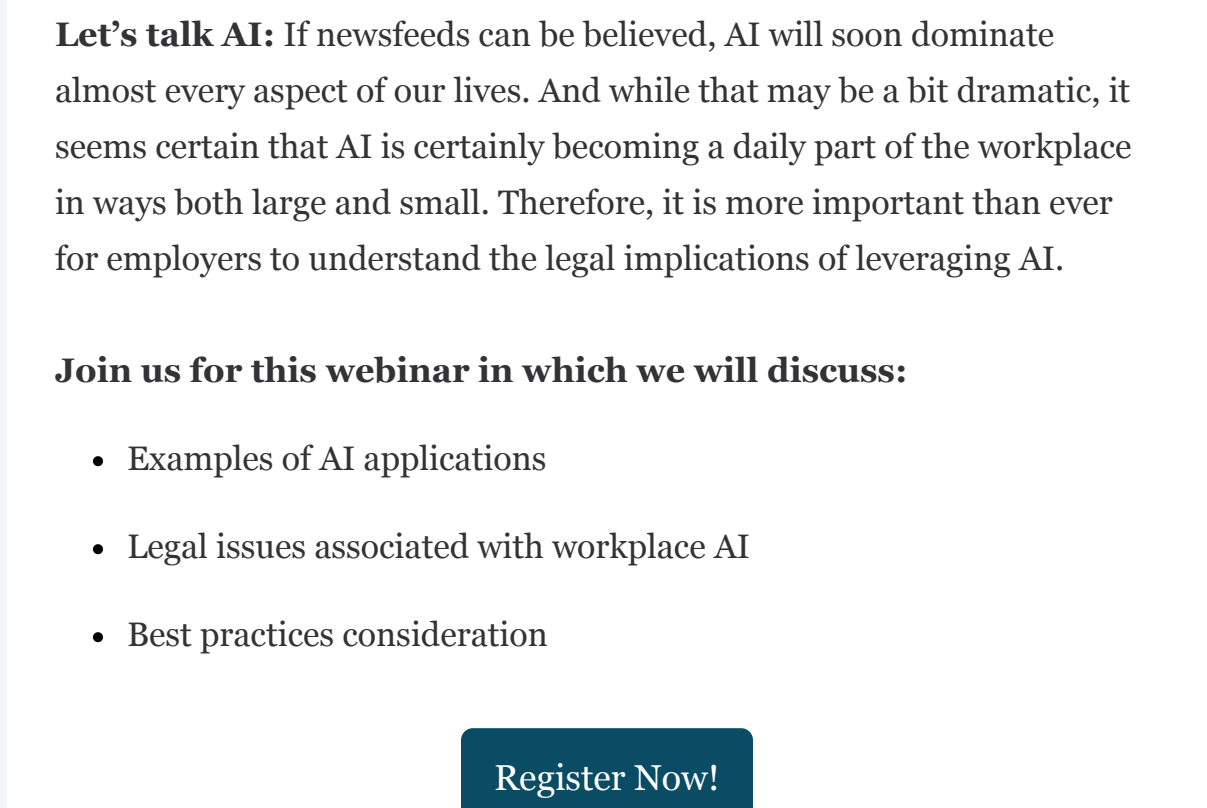
Secure your spot today: Join Minnesota's hospitality leaders at the [2026 Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) on September 14 at the [Legends Golf Club](#) in Prior Lake.

- **Why it matters:** The [Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) is all about connection, collaboration, and community. It's a chance to strengthen relationships, meet new peers, and enjoy a day of relaxed networking with fellow hospitality professionals in a beautiful outdoor setting.

How to participate: [Register your foursome](#) or individual slot today—spots fill quickly. Consider sponsoring a hole, beverage cart, or a Bloody Mary bar to showcase your company and engage with members of Minnesota's vibrant hospitality industry.

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Minneapolis Operators, Reduce Wasted Food with Food Forward Initiative



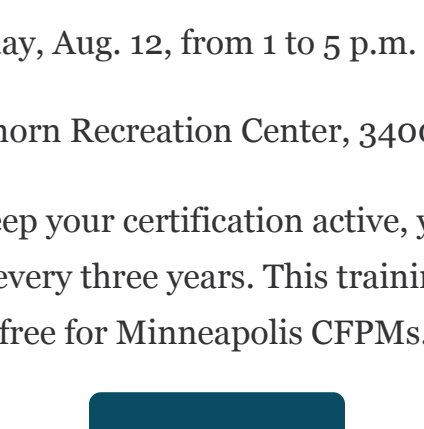
Minneapolis operators: Join [Food Forward](#), a free six-week coaching program designed to help restaurants reduce wasted food, save money, and make a lasting impact.

- **Timeline:** Restaurants can sign up for six-week cohorts that take place throughout 2026 and 2027. They will work with a team of coaches to carry out a wasted food prevention strategy.

The bottom line: The main goal is to prevent wasted food and help businesses boost their profits.

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Meet Your Robot Boss - August USI Insurance Webinar on AI



August 11 USI Insurance Webinar: [Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace](#)

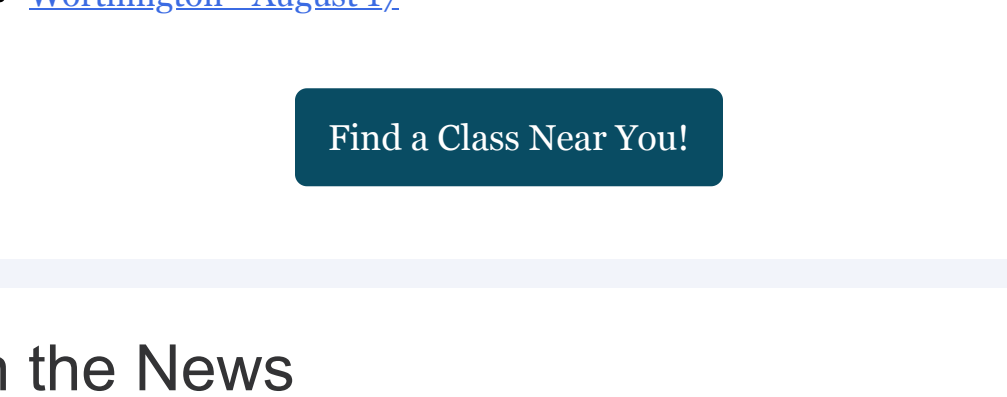
Let's talk AI: If newsfeeds can be believed, AI will soon dominate almost every aspect of our lives. And while that may be a bit dramatic, it seems certain that AI is certainly becoming a daily part of the workplace in ways both large and small. Therefore, it is more important than ever for employers to understand the legal implications of leveraging AI.

Join us for this webinar in which we will discuss:

- Examples of AI applications
- Legal issues associated with workplace AI
- Best practices consideration

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Minneapolis Food Protection Managers: Attend Next Wednesday's Free Training for Spanish Speakers



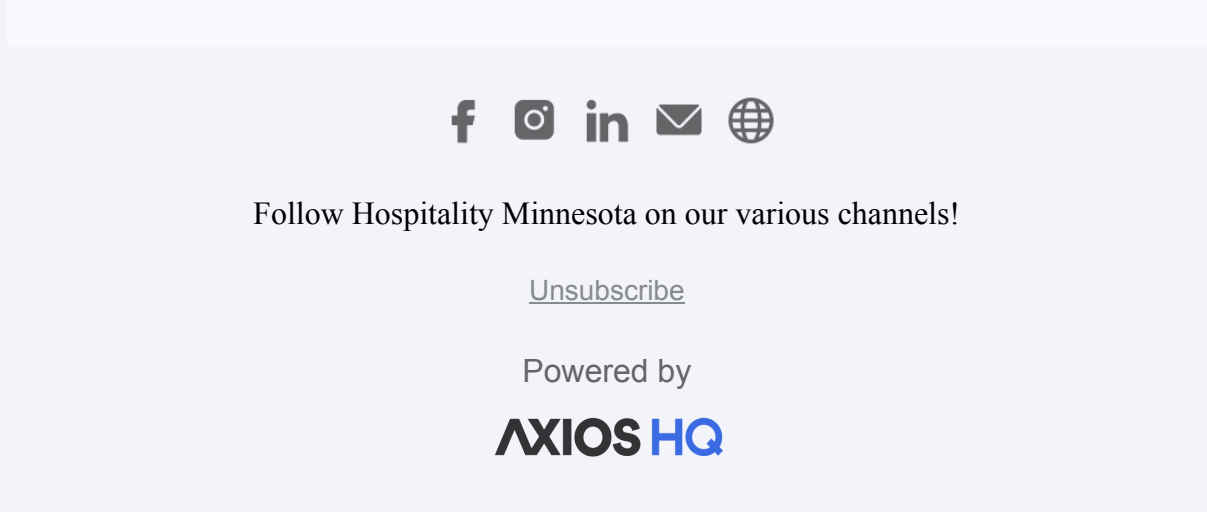
Minneapolis operators: Certified Food Protection Managers (CFPM) working in Minneapolis can meet their continuing education requirements by attending [next Wednesday's free training for Spanish speakers](#).

- **When:** Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Where:** Powderhorn Recreation Center, 3400 15th Ave. S.

Keep in mind: To keep your certification active, you need four hours of continuing education every three years. This training meets that requirement—and it's free for Minneapolis CFPMs.

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ServSafe Classes Near You



Did you know: Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment.

[Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Fridley - August 6](#)
- [Rochester - August 10](#)
- [Owatonna - August 11](#)
- [Winona - August 17](#)
- [Worthington - August 17](#)

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- [45 hall-of-fame restaurants that shaped Twin Cities dining](#) | Star Tribune
- [Official 2026 MN State Fair Guide](#) | Visit Saint Paul
- [2026 Hospitality Conference Speaker Spotlight: Meaghan Sabyan and Caitlyn English of Chowgirls](#) | Hospitality Minnesota

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