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In today's November 2, 2026 Update:

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- **Made in Restaurants:** Join the National Conversation on Restaurant Experiences
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Is your organization interested in sponsorship? Email us to learn more.

It's that time again -

Submit your high-efficiency natural gas equipment rebate applications by Dec. 31 and save!

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Meet The Stars of the Future Next Month!

STARS OF THE FUTURE

RENAISSANCE MINNEAPOLIS, THE DEPOT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026 | 6 - 9 PM

MEET **STARS** OF THE **FUTURE** FROM...

Becker, Burnsville, Cambridge-Isanti, Duluth East, Elk River, Hopkins, NRHEG, Roosevelt, Sauk Rapids-Rice, and Shakopee High Schools.

EVENT EMCEE: **STEPHANIE HANSEN** (*TASTE BUDS WITH STEPHANIE*)

Meet the Stars of the Future: Ten Minnesota high schools are bringing their talent to Stars of the Future on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at the Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot.

- **What to expect:** Guests will enjoy small-plate tastings crafted by students from Minnesota ProStart programs, with Emmy Award-winning host Stephanie Hansen as emcee.

Why it matters: These students are the next generation of Minnesota hospitality, and this is your chance to taste what they can do. Every bid in the live and silent auctions supports the Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation and the programs that help these students grow.

Register Here!

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Renewal time?
Serve up something fresh.

Employee health plans ›

Stay informed this Election Season with Minnesota Election Resources

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd! Have a plan to vote? Need one? Check out these resources to make a plan to vote on Election Day!

- Register to Vote on Election Day
- Common Registration Questions
- Find Your Polling Place - polling places are usually open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Check What's on Your Ballot
- Know Your Rights

Recycle better with a business grant up to $10k!

BIZRECYCLING

Find the Health Care Plan That Works for You with United Health Care

UHC

Discover your healthcare options: From opening prep to last call and beyond, group health plans should bring quality benefits to the table—without burning your budget.

Members will learn more about:

- A variety of group health plan offerings—to help balance employee needs with business priorities
- Digital support tools and wellness programs—for added value without added cost
- Dedicated support teams with restaurant and hospitality expertise—for a more seamless experience

Go deeper: Learn more, compare options, and take a closer look at the value behind each choice.

Register Here!

**__Disclaimer:__ Discounts are available to members with the following SIC Codes: 5812 (Eating Places), 5813 (Drinking Places - Alcoholic Beverages), 7011 (Hotel & Motels), 7032 (Sporting & Recreational Camps).*

Share A Video Testimonial for the Made in Restaurants Campaign

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MADE IN RESTAURANTS
Hard work starts and careers grow, right here.
madeinrestaurants.org
NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

The big picture: The National Restaurant Association has launched Made in Restaurants, a multi-year national campaign about what the restaurant industry builds beyond food: careers, skills, community and economic impact.

- **How it works:** Restaurants operators are being encouraged to share their experiences in the industry via the Made in Restaurants video submission portal.

Need inspiration? Check out Tony's Made in Restaurants testimonial here!

Share Your Story!

Registration for Stars of the Industry Now Open!

Calling all hospitality professionals: Stars of the Industry is heading to Mosaic Venue on January 21, 2027. Attendees will experience an exclusive evening honoring the outstanding professionals and organizations shaping today's hospitality industry.

What's in store:

- **Red carpet welcome:** Step into an elegant night alongside the industry's finest, from hoteliers and restaurateurs to service innovators and rising stars.
- **Gourmet dining and premium cocktails:** Connect with peers over an evening built for celebration.
- **The main event:** The highly anticipated awards ceremony, honoring standouts across 11 categories.

Register Here!

Double-Hitter Alert: HMDATC27 & Stars of the Industry Back-to-Back in January

HOSPITALITY MINNESOTA
DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2027
STARS
OF THE INDUSTRY

Heading to the Capitol, too? Hospitality Minnesota's Day at the Capitol is January 20, 2027, the day before Stars of the Industry.

- **Looking to stay overnight?** A hotel room block is now available for guests attending both events. Register for either event to get the registration link in an event confirmation email.

Food Forward: Free Coaching to Cut Wasted Food

Cohort seeking restaurant partners: Join Food Forward, a free six-week coaching program designed to help reduce wasted food, save money and make a lasting impact.

- **What to expect:** Participants work with a team of coaches to put a wasted food prevention strategy in place, with the goal of preventing wasted food and boosting profits. Six-week cohorts take place throughout 2026 and 2027.

Go deeper: See the Food Forward recruitment flyer to learn more.

ServSafe Classes Near You

SERVE WITH CERTAINTY:
MINNESOTA SERVSAFE CERTIFICATION CLASSES
NOW AVAILABLE
Hospitality MINNESOTA
ServSafe
National Restaurant Association

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!

- Duluth - November 4
- Plymouth - November 10
- Winona - November 10
- Bloomington - November 11
- Rochester - November 16
- Austin - November 17
- Woodbury - November 17

Find a Class Near You!

In the News

- Minnesota DFL rallies supporters in Bemidji ahead of election | Bemidji Pioneer
- RTI technologies to produce aviation fuel from used cooking oil with new partnership | MSP Business Journal
- DoorDash Is in Advanced Talks to Acquire Delivery Rival Instacart | Wall Street Journal
- Doug Stang named Minnesota Chamber of Commerce CEO | MSP Business Journal

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