



2017 FINALISTS

* names in random order

Back of the House Hospitality

Mark Powers - Westin Huntsville
John Salter - Renaissance Montgomery
Emilie Jones - The Battle House Hotel and Spa - Mobile
Daniel Stoker - The Hotel at Auburn University
Allison Cole - Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa - Florence
Milica King - Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa - Hoover

Front of the House Hospitality

Carlos Berrios - Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa - PCH Hotels - Florence
Darlene Matt - Grand Hotel Marriott Resort - Point Clear
Sonia Howell - Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel - Mobile
Carol Andrews - The Battle House Hotel and Spa - Mobile
Mike Stark - The Battlehouse Hotel and Spa - Mobile
Toni Cohn - The Battle House Hotel and Spa - Mobile

Back of the House Restaurant

Salena White - LuLu's Gulf Shores
Jessica Blanchard - Grille 29 - Birmingham
Johnny Robinson - Gaston's Grill & Hot Bar - Thomasville
Andrew Davis - Acre - Auburn
Emma McCall - Bob's Victory Grille - Auburn
Danny Ryan - Baumhower's Tuscaloosa South

Front of the House Restaurant

Jennifer Keasel - Acre - Auburn
Bailey Rogers - Baumhower's Victory Grille - Tuscaloosa
Kelsey Crenshaw - Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa - Hoover
Dawn Durick - Acre - Auburn
Alice Campbell - Grand Hotel Marriott Resort - Point Clear
Mallory Cortopassi - The Battle House Hotel & Spa - Mobile

Hospitality Department Manager

Cosmin Fort - The Battle House Hotel and Spa - Mobile
Danny Raymond - Sheraton - Birmingham & Westin Birmingham
Tricia Fagan - The Battle House Hotel and Spa - Mobile
Sheila Daughtry - The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center
Blake Allen - Perdido Beach Resort - Orange Beach
Daniela Yunker - Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

Restaurant Manager

Taylor Hardy - Itta Bena - Montgomery / The A&P Social - Montgomery
Sarah Martin - Mulligan's Irish Pub - Millbrook
Blake Field - Acre - Auburn
Donya Drakeford - Baumhower's Downtown - Montgomery
Richard Tomasello - The Depot - Auburn Montgomery
Dustin Smith - LuLu's Gulf Shores

Hotelier of the Year

Craig Hillyard - PCH Hotels & Resorts, Inc - Montgomery

Small Hotelier of the Year

Nanda Patel - Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Gadsden
Francine Molette - Homewood Suites by Hilton - Montgomery

Restaurateur of the Year

David Bancroft - Acre - Auburn
David Martin - Rightway Restaurants - Huntsville
Chris Sherrill - SALT at San Roc Cay - Orange Beach
Bill Lloyd - 301 Bistro & Wilhagan's Grille & Tap Room - Tuscaloosa,
Will Haver - Taco Mama / Otey's Tavern - Mountain Brook
Franco Antonelli - BLU Chophouse - Gadsden

Chef of the Year

Scott Simpson - The Depot - Auburn
Rene Boyzo - Church Street Purveyor - Huntsville
Cory Garrison - Grand Hotel, PCH Hotels and Resorts - Point Clear
Dean Donnell - Renaissance Montgomery Hotel - Montgomery
Brody Olive - Perdido Beach Resort - Orange Beach
Chris Sherrill - SALT at San Rock Cay - Orange Beach

Supplier of the Year

Carr Allison
Buffalo Rock
Bob Crawford - United-Johnson Brothers of Alabama, LLC

Tourism Promoter of the Year

Ashley Jernigan - JDB Hospitality - Montgomery
Gene Hallman - Bruno's Event Team - Birmingham
Birmingham Restaurant Week

Humanitarian of the Year

Melody Jones - Grand Bohemian Hotel - Mountain Brook
Will Haver - Taco Mama / Otey's Tavern - Mountain Brook
John Krontiras Nabeel's Café & Market - Birmingham
Cynthia Shea - Cyn Shea's / Serving Hope - Huntsville
Christin Bancroft - Acre - Auburn
Brandi Ingram - Perdido Beach Resort - Orange Beach

Spirit Award

Will Haver - Taco Mama / Otey's Tavern - Mountain Brook
Chris Sherrill - SALT at San Roc Cay - Orange Beach
Douglas Cooper - Sheraton Birmingham Hotel - Birmingham
Mary Hennington - Grand Bohemian Hotel - Mountain Brook