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### **KRA Restaurateur's Awards Gala Honors Industry's Best**

**Louisville, Kentucky** - The Kentucky Restaurant Association and Heartland Payment Systems held the fourth annual KRA Restaurateur's Gala on January 25, 2010 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. This black tie affair honored the KRA Board of Directors and Kentucky's best. Award recipients were as follows:

#### **Restaurateur of the Year**

**Winner** - G. J. Hart  
Texas Roadhouse  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Dean Corbett  
Corbett's, Equus & Jack's  
Louisville

**Finalists** - Matt Higgins,  
Mike Higgins & Steve Pipkin  
Tumbleweed, Louisville

**Finalist** - John Schnatter  
Papa John's International  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Jim Sawyer  
Sawyer's, Lexington

**Finalist** - Debbie Long  
Dudley's, Lexington

**Finalist** - John Varanese  
Varanese, Louisville

**Finalist** - Steven Wilson  
Proof on Main, Louisville

**Finalist** - Peng Looi  
Asiatique & August Moon  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Marcos Lorenzo  
Havana Rumba, Mojito  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Mark Allgeier  
Cumberland Brews  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Anoosh Shariat  
Browning's & Park Place  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Jayson Lewellyn  
732 Social, Louisville

**Finalist** - J. D. Rothberg  
Napa River Grill, Wild Eggs  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Bryan Norman  
Bonefish Grill  
Louisville

**Employee of the Year**  
**Winner** - Joni Campbell  
Beef O'Brady's Middletown  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Roxanne Mullins  
Tumbleweed, Louisville

**Finalist** - Ethan Ray  
Seelbach Hotel, Louisville

**Finalist** - Chad McGuire  
Buddy's Bar & Grill, Lexington

**Finalist** - AM Shift  
Blu Horse Café at the  
Crowne Plaza, Louisville

**Supplier of the Year**  
**Winner**-Gordon Food Service  
Presented to: Larry Pethick

**Finalist** - Universal Linen  
Presented to: Kurt Rutkowski

**Finalist** - Southern Wine &  
Spirits  
Presented to: Mike Beasley

**Finalist** - Mascari  
Presented to: Derrick Riddle

**Finalist** - SITEX  
Presented to: Brian Hargis

**Finalist** - Somerset Foods/PFG  
Presented to: Bill Luxon

**Manager of the Year**  
**Winner** - Timothy Tucker,  
Salvation Army Louisville  
&  
**Winner** - Neal Ward  
The English Grill @ the Brown

**Finalist** - Elliot Bottomley  
60 West Bistro & Martini Bar  
Louisville

**Finalist** - Shaun Poe  
Andover Country Club  
Lexington

**Finalist** - April Adams  
Z's Fusion, Louisville

**Finalist** - Bob McCoy  
Tumbleweed, Louisville

**Finalist** - Mark Wagner  
Come Back Inn, Louisville

**Finalist** - Gerald Marvel  
Spindletop Hall  
Lexington

**Finalist** - J. Troy Ritchie  
Corbett's, Equus & Jack's  
Louisville

**Manager Finalist –**  
Chris Howerton  
Corbett’s, Louisville

**Finalist –** Kim Young  
Colton’s Steak House, Glasgow

**Finalist –** Bradley Wilson  
Ramsey’s Diner, Lexington

**The Bruce Cotton Lifetime  
Achievement Award**  
**Doug Gossman**  
Bristol Bar & Grille, Louisville

**Culinary Student of the Year**

**Winner – Stacey Moore**  
Sullivan University  
&

**Winner -** Damarius Phillips  
Jefferson Comm. & Technical College

**Finalists –** Sergy Katz

Chris Bryant  
Ashleigh Sanners  
Madeleine Miller  
Meagan Jeanette  
Suzanne Bush  
Hannah Woosley  
Melany Aylor

Brad Stout  
David Williams  
Erika Dailey  
David Wheatley  
Sullivan University

**Chapter Members of the Year**

Louisville Chapter Winner–  
**Kurt Rutkowski**  
Universal Linen  
Louisville

Louisville Chapter Finalist –  
Rory Wilson  
Derby Pressure Wash

Louisville Chapter Finalist –  
Frank Ruley  
Sunrise Technology Systems

South Central Chapter Winner–  
**Tyler Bronger**  
Great American Grill  
Bowling Green

Bluegrass Chapter Winner–  
**Erica Chalk Millay**  
Heartland Payment Systems,  
Lexington

Northern KY Chapter Winner–  
**Theresa Brun - PepsiAmericas**

**The 2009 National Restaurant Association Restaurant Neighbor Awards were presented to the following:**

**KFC Foundation**  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Texas Roadhouse**  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Presented to Mark Simpson

**O’Shea’s Family of Pubs**  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Presented to Patrick O’Shea

Several photos are included here. More photographs are available upon request.

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