



## Colorado Restaurant Foundation 2018 Year In Review

### Mission

Established in 1987, the Colorado Restaurant Foundation's mission as a Colorado not-for-profit educational foundation is dedicated to providing access to the education, skills, and financial means to pursue a successful career in the foodservice and hospitality industries.

In 2018, the Foundation awarded \$38,000 in scholarship awards to post-secondary and Colorado ProStart students pursuing their postsecondary education in the foodservice and hospitality industry. Since 1987, CRF has awarded more than \$938,000 in scholarships. **Making An Impact!**



(Pictured: 2018 CRF Scholarship Recipients)

### Colorado ProStart®

Since 1997, the CRF has invested more than 9.5 million dollars in Colorado ProStart, a college and career high school hospitality education program of the Colorado Restaurant Association. Colorado ProStart now serves 47 high school programs and more than 850+ students statewide. The ProStart program currently provides for high school and college concurrent enrollment credit, scholarships, and employment opportunities in the restaurant and hospitality management, culinary arts, and business entrepreneurship.

#### 2018 ProStart Student of the Year

Kyle Tatlock – Grandview High School

#### 2018 Industry Achievement Award

Shelby Toler – Golden High School

#### 2018 ProStart Teacher of the Year

Christina Runyan, Smoky Hill High School



#### 2018 ProStart Mentor of the Year

Matt Vawter, Chef de Cuisine & Proprietor at Mercantile Dining and Provisions.

#### 2018 was a banner year for the Colorado Restaurant Foundation!

- Expanded Colorado ProStart College/Career CTE program to 7 new High Schools
- Provided 850+ students Food Handler & Manager ServSafe
- Distributed \$38,000 in scholarships
- Contributed more than \$364,000 to schools to support student employability skills training, technology, equipment, business enterprises and more....

#### We partnered with:

- Emily Griffith Opportunity School "Culinary Quick Start" Boot Camp Program
- Mathews House serving Opportunities Youth & Low Income Families
- A Precious Child serving Opportunities Youth & Low Income Families
- NRAEF & AH&LA on the newly established Restaurant & Lodging Management Adult Registered Apprenticeship Programs

#### We expect 2019 to be just as successful! We are launching

- ProStart 3 Culinary Arts Registered Youth Apprenticeship Program
- ProStart Launching Lodging & Resort Management Program
- CRF Angel Relief Fund to provide emergency assistance funding to hospitality employee in need.



Many thanks to CRF Corporate & Education Partners, Foundations, and CRA Chapters for your support!

In 2018, the Colorado Restaurant Foundation received generous support from the following organizations:

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CRF Scholarship Awards Luncheon  
CRF Scholarships  
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CRF Scholarship Program  
CRF Scholarship Awards Luncheon  
Colorado ProStart®



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CRF Scholarships

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Colorado ProStart® Program

**CRA Durango Chapter**

Colorado ProStart® Program

**Knoebel Charitable Remainder Trust**

CRF Endowment

**You can get involved now by contributing to the Foundation.**

Donations are tax-deductible. No amount is too small (or too large). Your donation should be sent to the Colorado Restaurant Foundation, 430 E. 7th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203.

**For more information**

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