



Bloomington Announces 2015 Food Safety Award Winners

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Bloomington, MN— The 2015 Food Safety Awards were presented at the 20th Annual Diamond Service Awards Gala Awards on February 21. The awards were sponsored by the Bloomington Convention and Visitor’s Bureau and were presented by Bloomington Mayor Gene Winstead.

“These awards are significant because it’s Bloomington’s food service professionals interviewing and choosing the best of the best in food safety,” Mayor Winstead said. “The award categories illustrate that food safety is important across all categories of establishments.”

This year’s winners included:

- **Retail Grocery Award:** Sam’s Club
(Cub Foods on France Avenue was also nominated)
- **Limited Service and Pizza Carryout Award:** Country Inn & Suites at MOA
(Davanni’s, D. Brian’s and Holiday Inn Express & Suites were also nominated)
- **Fast Food/Cafeteria Service Award:** Culver’s
(Burger King on Bloomington Ferry Road, and Chipotle in the Mall of America and South Point Express were also nominated)
- **Large Restaurant Award:** Outback Steakhouse
(Twin City Grill, First Wok and Olive Garden were also nominated)

- **Full Service Hotel Award:** Hilton Minneapolis Bloomington (Firelake Grill House & Cocktail Bar at Radisson Blu Mall of America, Park Plaza Hotel and Woolley's Restaurant Embassy Suites Airport were also nominated)

The Overall Food Safety Award went to Hilton Minneapolis Bloomington.

Hilton Minneapolis Bloomington Executive Chef Jacob Brodd said, "The goal we strive for is to create a food safety culture in our kitchen, not just a food safety program. Rules can easily be broken, but if food safety is part of who you are, that will never be broken."

This was the 15th annual presentation of the Bloomington Food Safety awards. Nominees were selected based on results of the City's 2015 health inspections. Nominees in each category were interviewed at their establishments and rated on food safety practices by volunteers from the City's Food Collaborative, which is made up of food industry professionals. The City's Advisory Board of Health reviewed the scored results and selected the winner of the Overall Food Safety Award.

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