



CULINARY INSTITUTE LENOTRE

A Legendary Name for your Culinary Arts College

**Winter
Graduating Classes**

Commencement Program

**Friday, December 19, 2025
10:00am**

**Grand Tuscany Hotel
12801 Northwest Fwy., Houston, TX 77040**

Alumni Message

Dear CIL Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation!

On behalf of the founders of the Culinary Institute Lenotre, Mr. Alain and Mrs. Marie Lenotre, and all of us at CIL, I would like to be the first to share how very proud of you we are and celebrate this memorable milestone with you. Your graduation is particularly unique because we share a memorable milestone in that CIL celebrated its 25th Anniversary of our college in 2023 and know how special it is.

We owe over 25 years of success stories and excellence to all the students and graduates like yourself. We are taking the time to recognize you for the hard work and dedication you have invested since you first enrolled. You have worked hard to earn your diploma and wear the uniform. We know you will wear it with pride as you are now an alumnus of the Culinary Institute Lenotre and its legendary name. As you come to a new chapter in your life, we encourage you to embrace it and be confident that you are prepared with the skills and attributes needed to begin your new career. Moreover, we will honor our commitment by remaining supportive of your future endeavors.

As this will be the beginning of your career, we bid you farewell knowing that while distance may be a factor, a family like ours at CIL does not grow apart. Stay connected and be an active part of our Alumni Association and let us know the wonderful accomplishments you will go on to achieve.

Best wishes,



Dr. Arturo Cervantes,
College Director & Chief Executive Officer
Culinary Institute Lenotre



Celebrating 25 years of excellence,
generosity and success stories.

Processional	Pomp and Circumstance
The Pledge of Allegiance	Alicia Orellana
National Anthem	Averie Taylor Rodriguez
Invocation	Marilyn Edwards
Welcome Student, Family and Guests	Dr. Arturo Cervantes
Introduction of our Founders: Mr. Alain Lenotre Mrs. Marie Lenotre	Dr. Arturo Cervantes
Master of Ceremonies	Alicia Orellana
Honorable Frank Marchetti	Consul of France in Houston Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.
Keynote Speaker Presented by Dr. Arturo Cervantes	Omar Pereney Executive Chef and Owner Love Croissants
Partnership Recognition Presented by Dr. Arturo Cervantes	Chef Oliver Lewis Regional Chef, Local Public Eatery
Honorary Bachelor Degree	Chef Abdul Rauf “Ruffy” Sulaiman Executive Chef, Hilton Americas
Honorary Associate Degree	Daniel Ferrer
Associate Degree	Wendell Johnson
International Externships Presented by Dr. Arturo Cervantes	*15 Participating Students
Student Speakers	Jennifer Perales Keny R Garcia Lanza Eddie Leander Parker Pikes
Perfect Attendance	Maria C Villalta Llanes
Conferring of Degrees and Diplomas	Dr. Arturo Cervantes Chef Francis Grosse Chef Stephanie Lamour Dr. Ravi Draksharam Samantha Kellen
Certification of Graduates & Closing Remarks	Dr. Arturo Cervantes

Founders

Alain Lenotre.....	Founder and President
Marie Lenotre.....	Vice President Institutional Advancement

Directors/Managers

Dr. Arturo Cervantes.....	College Director & Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Ravi Draksharam.....	Director of Education
Chef Christelle Pradat.....	Program Chair, Culinary Arts
Alicia Orellana.....	Director of Admissions
Elsa Piña	Financial Aid Director
Samantha Kellen.....	Bursar Director
Jocelyn Tobar.....	Career Services Director
Mike Martinez.....	Student Services Director
Marilyn Edwards.....	Human Resources Director
Elheme Elezi.....	Facilities Director
Flor Ralda.....	Registrar
Teresa Zabala.....	International Alliances Director
Connie Pine.....	Librarian

Chef Instructors

Chef Francis Grosse.....	Program Director, Baking & Pastry Arts
Chef Lee Ben Shoshan.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Lorena Valdivia.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Philippe Dege.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Sarah Norwood.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Jayla Ardoin.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Jeffrey Guy.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Manuel Cobix.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Stephanie Lamour.....	Program Director, Culinary Arts
Chef Brian Rushton.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Kirby Smith.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Stephen Justynski.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Luis Ahumada.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Michael Gabriel.....	Chef Instructor
Chef John Sarra.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Raymond Godard	Chef Instructor

Adjunct Faculty

Natasha Holden.....	Program Director, Academics & Faculty
Ahmad Awad.....	General Education
Elga Suarez.....	General Education
Samaneh Shirazani.....	General Education
Alexsa Delgado.....	General Education
Mohammad Awad.....	General Education
Shalandys Williams.....	General Education
Tatiana Kelly.....	Hospitality Instructor
Pam Barksdale.....	Hospitality Instructor
John MacArevey.....	Hospitality Instructor
Steve Early.....	Hospitality Instructor
Davis Webb.....	Hospitality Instructor
Eris Liu.....	Hospitality Instructor
Kim Evans.....	Hospitality Instructor
Zahra Mohammad.....	Hospitality Instructor

Graduates

ELITE DIPLOME IN BAKING & PASTRY ARTS

<i>Almughrabi, Zakaria Anan</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Bristow, Tyler</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Castro, Juan A</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Garcia, Juan Eric</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Johannsen, Kristin</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Rivera, Celeste</i>	
<i>Story, Robert</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Williams, Ashley E</i>	<i>Gold</i>

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN BAKING & PASTRY ARTS

<i>Alvarado-Salas, Aurora V</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Alvarez, Alyssa</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Berry, Angela</i>	
<i>Brown, Clarissa</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Carter, Carla L</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cruz, Enrique</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Dorris, Dakota Belle</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Estes, Gregory T</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Farinacci, Aiden Hunter</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Fine, Jacoby R</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Franks, Kimberly Blair</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Fuentes, Angelina</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Garza, Caleb N</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Goalwin, Savannah Rose</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Gonzales, Ché</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Green, Amiyah O</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Hernandez, Karla Jasmin</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Hopkins, Mitchell</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Hyman, Sydney M</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Johnson, Briana LaTrice</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Lopez, Sarah</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Martinez, Jasli M</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>

Graduates

<i>Menard-Kilmer, Angelice F</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Morales Colon, Raysha M</i>	
<i>*Nygaard, Kyle J</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Ortiz, Edwin I</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Pena, Rubi</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Pena, Samantha E</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Perales, Jennifer</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Reynolds, Ra'Vannah L</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Rivera Lopez, Josue</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Sandoval, Amy</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Thomas, Peyton Imani</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Tomlin, Austria L</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Williams, IyshaValynce Marie</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>

ELITE DIPLOME IN CULINARY ARTS

<i>Alonso-Sanchez, Aidan C</i>	
<i>Connor, Keegan J</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Cooper, Lily M</i>	
<i>Crofoot, Conner</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>De La O, Jacqueline Lisbeth</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Dearing, Noah</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Hansen, Olin Hale</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Johnson, Ella B</i>	
<i>Jones, Phillip J</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Marshall, Ashley J</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
<i>Morales, Maria Monica</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Nguyen, Lynn P</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Nwaneri, Chinwendu M</i>	
<i>*Taranto, Isabel G</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Townsend, George H</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
<i>Villalta Llanes, Maria C</i>	<i>Gold</i>

**VA - Military Veterans*

** International Externship*

GPA/Honors calculated as of

Graduates

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN CULINARY ARTS

Arvizu, Jacqueline A

**Baker-Coleman, Caitlyn M*

Bear, Daniel B

**Boda, Tyler*

Brien, Patrick N

**Castillo, KeriAnne*

Castro Romero, Gioser

Cruz, Kevin

Cruz, Robert X

Daniel, Asa J

Davis, Kierra A

Del Angel, Esteban

Douglas, Jada

Elkhouri, Roger Angel Edward

**Flores Garcia, Theresa Bridgette*

**Garcia Lanza, Keny R*

Garcia, Christian

**Garcia, Katherine A*

Gomez Granillo, Edgar A

**Helm, Carla A*

Hightower, Debra A

Jelson, Nicholas

**Johnson, Kayla L*

Jones, Joshua C

Juarez, Anahi

Knoxson, Lorraine L

**Lopez, Joanna*

**Mathis, Antonio L*

**Milton, Kyyarna A*

**Montes Jaramillo, Ramiro*

**Nguyen, Huy-Hoang Nathan T*

**Olivarez, Daniel*

Gold, Summa, Cum Laude

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<i>Patterson Jr., Gary</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Perez, Johnatan I</i>	
<i>Perkins, Tarrance</i>	
<i>Popeney, Sarah</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Pruitt, Keyshia L</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Ross, Paris M</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Santiago, Jeanice</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Settler, William T</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Shuler, Daneisha L</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Stout, Justin T</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Urena, Cesar</i>	
<i>Vargas, Rafael E</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Veazey-Bejar, Adrian</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>White Jr., Eddie D</i>	
<i>*Williams, Cydney Tiara</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN HOSPITALITY AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

<i>Gaskin, Lyric A</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Loya, Sierra</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Pikes, Eddie Leander Parker</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Stanley, Carter Ryan</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Taylor, Wytanya J</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>

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** International Externship*

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From The College Director

Congratulations on your achievements in reaching this academic milestone!!!

You have been a part of the CIL Family and thus you will remain in our hearts always. We are very proud of you and blessed to know that we were a part of the support and education that resulted in a fruitful transformation. Graduation will be filled with joy and emotion for all of us as we reflect on our experiences and academic journey at the Culinary Institute Lenotre.

As you come to a new chapter in your life, I encourage you to embrace it and be confident that you are prepared with the skills and attributes needed to begin your new career. Moreover, we will honor our commitment by remaining supportive of your future endeavors.

As we part, I bid you a farewell knowing that while distance may be a factor, family as ours at CIL does not grow apart.

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