



CULINARY INSTITUTE LENOTRE®

A Legendary Name for your Culinary Arts College

*Spring
Graduating Classes
Commencement Program*

**Friday, May 22nd 2026
10:00am**

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

Alumni Message

Dear LENOTRE Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation!

On behalf of the founder, Alain Lenotre, the staff, and faculty of the Culinary Institute Lenotre (CIL), I would like to be the first to share how very proud of you we are and celebrate this memorable milestone with you. This date also commemorates the 28th Anniversary of our college.

We owe over 28 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 to be a proud Hospitality and Culinary Arts professional. We know you will carry the Culinary Institute Lenotre legendary name with pride as you are now an alumnus.

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 career 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,
Chief Executive Officer | College Director
Culinary Institute Lenotre



*28 years of excellence,
generosity and success stories.*

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

Presentation of the Colors

MacArthur Highschool *JROTC*

The Pledge of Allegiance

Alicia Orellana

National Anthem

Instrumental

Invocation

Marilyn Edwards

Moment of Silence

**Alumnus *Samuel D. Laws*
Elite Diplome in Baking and Pastry Arts**

**Welcome Student, Family, Faculty and
Guests.**

Dr. Arturo Cervantes

Master of Ceremonies

Alicia Orellana

**Introduction of CIL Team
(*Chefs, Adjunct Staff*) and Directors)**

Dr. Arturo Cervantes

**Keynote Speakers
Presented by Dr. Arturo Cervantes**

**1. Chef De Cuisine: Alexandra Peña
2. Victoria Pappas Bludorn**

**Partnership Recognition
Presented by Dr. Arturo Cervantes**

Aramark Nicole Holman

**International Externships
Presented by Dr. Arturo Cervantes**

***4 Participating Student Graduates**

Student Speakers

***A.A.S in Culinary Arts:* Luzmerly Cotua
Diploma Culinary Arts: Mark McClellan
Baking & Pastry: Octavio Juarez
H.R.M: Nathaniel Smith**

Perfect Attendance

Luzmerly Cotua

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

Directors

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.....	Senior Registrar
Teresa Zabala.....	International Alliances Director
Connie Pine.....	Librarian

Chef Instructors

Chef Francis Grosse.....	Program Director, Baking & Pastry Arts
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 Sarran.....	Chef Instructor
Chef Raymond Godard	Chef Instructor



Academic Faculty

Natasha Holden
Program Director, Academic Faculty

General Education

Ahmad Awad.....	MA
Elga Suarez.....	PhD
Samaneh Shirazani.....	PhD
Alexsa Delgado.....	MA
Mohammad Awad.....	MA
Shalandys Williams.....	MA
Marrika King- Ortiz.....	BBA
Zenobia Reed.....	MS

Hospitality Instructors

Tatiana Kelly.....	BA
Pamela Barksdale.....	JD
John MacArevey.....	MBA
Steve Early.....	BS
Davis Webb.....	BS
Eris Liu.....	PhD
Kim Evans.....	BS
Zahra Mohammad.....	PhD



Graduates

ELITE DIPLOME IN BAKING & PASTRY ARTS

<i>Amuneke, Giahna</i>	<i>Silver</i>
<i>Bridges, Cydney E</i>	
<i>Moctezuma, Ruth</i>	<i>Bronze</i>

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN BAKING & PASTRY ARTS

<i>Alvarez, Katlyn S</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Foreman, Sydney</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Fuentes, Emily</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Georgson, Benjamin</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Juarez, Octavio</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Lazo, Pamela A</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Manriquez, Samantha</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Martinez, Maria D</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Martinez, Skyla C</i>	
<i>*Miranda, Millicent</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Nelson, MacKenzie E</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Perez, Abril</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Pung, Alexis</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Romulo Vazquez, Julie</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Saengsukswang, Worapanit</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Walker, Leila</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Young, Brianna</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>

**VA - Military Veterans*

** International Externship*

GPA/Honors calculated as of 5/19/2026

Graduates

ELITE DIPLOME IN CULINARY ARTS

<i>*Hayes, Darjuan</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
<i>McClellan, Mark</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Ramirez, Daniel</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
<i>*Townsend, George H</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
<i>Wartell, Eleanor</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Williams, Reuben</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
<i>*Winfrey, Kamira</i>	<i>Silver</i>

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN CULINARY ARTS

<i>Anderson, Jordan</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Arvizu, Jacqueline A</i>	
<i>*Campos, Valerie</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Contreras, Michael</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Cotua, Luzmerly C</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Dawkins, Destin</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Erdo, Tara N</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Jones, London H</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Lee, Mariah L</i>	
<i>Lynch, Alicia T</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Matteucci Rossi, Joao Pedro</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Mosley, Makayla L</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Odunsi, Samuel</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Pearsall, Stewart</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Perez, Urban M</i>	
<i>Perkins, Tarrance</i>	
<i>Sams, Erica</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Turner, Ashlen D</i>	<i>Bronze, Cum Laude</i>

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN HOSPITALITY AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

<i>Fernandez Barney, Maria Elena</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Grenga, Ashley N</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>*Milton, Kyyarna A</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>Olajire, Temitope</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Paschall, Walter O</i>	<i>Silver, Magna Cum Laude</i>
<i>Rajcoomar, Priscilla</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>
<i>**Smith, Nathaniel</i>	<i>Gold, Summa, Cum Laude</i>

“A chef is someone who is passionate about feeding others, about providing comfort through food. The best meals are not just about flavor, but about memory, culture, and care. As you graduate, remember this: your knife is your tool, but your heart is the most important ingredient.”

- Thomas Keller

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Houston TX, 77022

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 career 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.

***Dr. Arturo Cervantes,
College Director | Chief Executive Officer***

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