

***Charlotte Restaurant Chef Battles NC's Top Culinary Experts in Final Round of North Carolina  
Restaurant & Lodging Association's Chef Showdown***

*Andres Prussing of Golden Owl Tavern Restaurant lands a spot on the 2022 finalist list*

In August, Golden Owl Tavern's Executive Chef, Andres Prussing, will compete for statewide recognition in the 2022 NC Restaurant and Lodging Association (NCRLA) Chef Showdown. A 10-year veteran chef in the Queen City, Chef Prussing is turning heads with his innovative approach to southern dining and passion for showcasing local ingredients.

"It's an honor to represent Charlotte and to be among culinary experts from across the state. It has been inspiring to see the creativity and passion in this group," said Prussing.

Chef Prussing participated in the semi-final round and was chosen to continue to the grand finale this past spring. He was selected after crafting a mushroom-stuffed Joyce Farms chicken breast, with Miso master sherry juz, potato millefeuille and North Carolina seasonal vegetables. Throughout his dish, Chef Prussing utilized a dozen local vendors and ingredients.

NCRLA is hosting its sixth season of the annual competition loaded with invitation-only events and is allowing the public to take part in witnessing the crowning of new winners in multiple categories. Chef Prussing is one of twenty chefs to compete this year. With the goal of using locally sourced foods to prepare his dishes at Golden Owl Tavern, the Chilean master chef prepares an assortment of internationally inspired dishes with a clever southern twist.

The Grand Finale of the showdown will occur on Monday, August 8, 2022, from 6:00p-8:30 pm at The Pavilion at the Angus Barn, in Raleigh, N.C.

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**About Golden Owl Tavern**

*The wise choice for any day of the year! Located in Charlotte, N.C., Golden Owl Tavern offers fresh twists on cuisine and handcrafted cocktails inspired by the American South. Led by Chef Andres Prussing, Golden Owl Tavern transforms southern staples into modern classics, from signature deviled eggs to cornbread, ribs, and meatloaf. The restaurant's mixologists master timeless cocktails, giving them their own unique spin. After opening its doors in the spring of 2021 in the Queen City's University City neighborhood, Golden Owl Tavern has received accolades from publications like the Charlotte Observer and Charlotte Magazine, including [Best New Restaurant](#), [Best Brunch](#), and [Best Meal](#). A concept created by Denver-based Sage Restaurant Concepts, Golden Owl Tavern is tucked inside the UNC Charlotte Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, just steps away from UNC Charlotte's campus. The more than 7,000 square-foot restaurant seats up to nearly 200 guests and features a lounge, private dining room and outdoor patio. For more information, follow @GoldenOwlTavern on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) or visit [goldenowltavern.com](https://goldenowltavern.com).*

