Hello ProStart Educators and Administrators,

Happy New Year!! We hope you were able to find some time over the holiday season to relax and refresh for the start of 2021! Please find a few updates below.

Webinar News

January – Showcasing Your Talents for the Future You
Welcome to the first ever ProStart student-focused webinar! Educators and Students are invited to join the NRAEF on Wednesday, January 27th from 2 – 3PM CST for Showcasing Your Talents for the Future You, with Jill Gardner, President of the Talent Shop.

Jill is one of the leading experts in recruiting and placing talent in restaurants and the hospitality industry nationwide, and will discuss skillsets that the Talent Shop looks for when identifying and developing talent. The webinar will also highlight ways for ProStart students to showcase their skills in the professional environment.

After you complete the registration form found here, a calendar invitation to join the webinar will be sent (24 – 48 hours after completion).
*A recording and slides WILL be made available after the call for anyone who cannot attend.

February – Special Valentine’s Day Edition
Educators are invited to join the ProStart team on Wednesday, February 10th from 3 – 4 pm ET for a special Valentine’s Day edition of the ProStart webinar series, to explore easy and fun classroom assignments to try with students in a hybrid/virtual setting.

We will be joined by instructors from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) as they perform a live demonstration using Pate a Choux.

There will be a live Q&A with these instructors for educators to ask questions on assignments, ingredients, and other general industry specific topics. After you complete the registration form found here, a calendar invitation to join the webinar will be sent (24 – 48 hours after completion).
ProStart Invitational

Details Coming Soon!

Textbook Updates

We are pleased to announce that your Foundations sales representative can now also help with K-12 ServSafe! This provides “one stop shopping” for your culinary and food safety instructional needs. Contact Lauren Robin (Central states) at lrobin@restaurant.org

Scholarships

NRAEF Scholarship Applications Open January 15th!

For the first time in five years, the majority of college-bound seniors plan to take out a loan (CNBC). To support passionate students pursuing their post-secondary education.

The NRAEF’s scholarship applications will open Friday, January 15th, offering financial aid for students, military servicemen and women and individuals pursuing a restaurant, foodservice or hospitality career. The NRAEF will award nearly $1 million in scholarships and grants to individuals across the country. Learn more and help spread the word!

*Applications will be accepted through March 15, 2021*

IRA Education Foundation Scholarship Application Open February 1st!

The IRAEF will be accepting applications starting Monday, February 1st to support students enrolling in post-secondary culinary or hospitality programs (including food science, nutrition and other related disciplines.)

An updated communication will be sent out with link and application information. Please encourage students to apply and reach out with any questions.
Culinary and Hospitality Post-Secondary Education Virtual Tours and Resources

Students interested in learning more about colleges and universities that offer Culinary and Hospitality Programs, have them check out the links to virtual tours and other educational resources from various colleges and universities on our site at HERE!

Some of the Schools and Resources available include:

**The Culinary Institute of America**

- Virtual Tour
- Handouts and lesson plans (great resources for students and educators!)
- Events page for both teachers and students to attend culinary demonstrations and other events (great resources available for educators!)

**Culinary Institute of Virginia**

**Joliet Junior College**

**Northern Illinois University**

**Triton College**

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

**University of Wisconsin-Stout**

Additional Schools and Resources being added soon!

Virtual College Expo

The IRAEF is planning the 2021 Virtual College Expo for this spring! More information and details to come soon!
**Job Openings**

**Name of Company:** Mariano’s

**What is Available?** Mariano’s is looking to add to our amazing team!

We are looking to hire 500 additional team members across all 44 Chicagoland locations!

- Looking for Full-Time and Part-Time associates in all areas of the store, including, Front End, Pick-Up, Produce, Bakery, Meat & Seafood, Deli, Hot Foods, Grocery and everything in between, on all shifts, Mornings, Afternoons, Evenings and Nights.

**How to Apply?** Please apply to your preferred stores and positions of interest directly on our site, [https://jobs.kroger.com/marianos/go/marianos/2812200/](https://jobs.kroger.com/marianos/go/marianos/2812200/)

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**Name of Company:** Portillo’s

**What is Available?** Openings are available at Portillo’s Restaurant Support Center or any of the restaurants. Hiring for a range of positions, including manager-level roles at many locations.

**How to Apply?** Visit [portillos.com/careers/](http://portillos.com/careers/)

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**Name of Company:** Chick-fil-A

**What is Available?** At Chick-fil-A our aim is to serve guests and communities well, and we know that starts with people. Creating a positive and productive place to work is important to both Chick-fil-A, Inc. and Chick-fil-A Franchisees.

We are looking to hire additional team members across all 49 Illinois locations!

- Seeking Full-Time and Part-Time team members in all areas, including, Front of House, Kitchen, Guest Experience, Leadership and everything in between.

**How to Apply?** Visit [https://www.chick-fil-a.com/careers](https://www.chick-fil-a.com/careers) and apply to your preferred locations and positions of interest.
**PROSTART: Key Dates and Notes**

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