

Full Schedule

March 12 | State Fair Park | West Allis

Jump in and out of these bite-sized learning sessions. Our Quick Bite zones offer rapid-fire 15-minute sessions where you'll grab fresh ideas, ask questions, and connect with peers who share your challenges and goals.

Marketing Quick Bites (15 minute sessions)		
10:15 am	Experience Marketing: Building Brand Loyalty Aimee Anderson, Director of Operations, Buck & Honey's	
11:00 am	A Restaurant Operator's No-BS Guide to Tech Tools That Actually Work Presented by: Food Fight Restaurant Group, Amanda Jabs, Chief Financial Officer, Lauren Fehrenbach, IT Analyst, Ben Brady, Director of Training & Development	
11:45 am	Dish & Tell: Pitching Your Restaurant's Story Lori Fredrich, Dining Editor, OnMilwaukee	
12:45 pm	Building Your Restaurant's DNA: The Foundation for Everything You Do Justin Johnson, CEO/Founder, Sustainable Kitchens	
1:30 pm	Ready to Supercharge Your Restaurant's Marketing? Let's Talk Loyalty & LTOs! Nick Dillon, Director of Operations, Levy Restaurants, Harley-Davidson Museum & Kelly Mallegni, Sr. Marketing Manager, Levy Restaurants	

Dive deeper with extended Super Sessions that hit or
trending industry topics.

Operations Quick Bites (15 minute sessions)		
9:30 am	BOH Efficiencies: Streamline Your Food Prep with Custom, Pre-Packaged Solutions Joshua Weber, Chief Financial Officer, Cut Fresh & V. Marchese	
10:00 am	Developing Rockstars: Turn Your Team into Tomorrow's Leaders Kai Speth, Chief Operation Officer, The Bartolotta Restaurants	
10:30 am	Back of House Mastery: Work Smarter, Not Harder Chef Nate Goetsch, Anderson Foodservice Solutions	
11:15 am	Two Truths & a Lie About Building a Business Marla Poytinger, President & CEO, Bars & Recreation	
12:00 pm	THC & CBD: The How To's for Your Bar Sales Danielle Baerwald, Owner, Erv's Mug & Chris "Sparky" Wittemann, Director of Sales & Business Development, The Fermentorium	
1:00 pm	Stay Legal, Stay Successful: Wisconsin Restaurant Labor Law Update Susan Quam, Executive Vice President, Wisconsin Restaurant Association & Carrie Douglas, Member Engagement Manager, Wisconsin Restaurant Association	

Super Sessions (45 - 60 minute in-depth session)		
10:30 – 11:30 am	Making Marketing Work: Real Talk with Operators Who've Cracked the Code Moderator: Brian Lee, President, Revelation PR, Advertising & Social Media Panelists: Dana Spandet, Owner, Flour Girl & Flame Ken McNulty, Owner, Wisconsin Cheese Mart	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Restaurant AI Simplified: Tools, Tactics and Real Results Dan Lindberg, MS, Economist, Educator, AI-Enthusiast, Principal of Applied Economic Insight® LLC	

Our master beverage trainers will be sharing insider tips and sips to help you add more profit to your business.

BevX (15 minute talks and demos)		
10:00 am	Tito's Handmade Vodka: Pouring Love Back Into Our Community	
11:30 am	Zero Proof, Full Flavor: The Growing Popularity of N/A Drinks	
12:15 pm	Shaking Things Up: Cocktail Trends to Watch in 2025	
1:30 pm	White Wine's Having a Moment: Come Taste Why!	

Join us for hands-on pastry studio demos where you can learn from expert instructors and bring some sweet new ideas back to your business.

Pastry Studio (45 minute hands-on sessions)	
10:30 am	Explore the World of Vegan Baking Kindra Meier, Kindra's Vegan Treats
11:30 am	Mastering the Art of Cream Puffs Joseph Feliciano, MATC
12:30 pm	PYO (Paint Your Own) Cookies Samantha Kristiansen, Cook Specialty Co. Inc.
1:30 pm	Baking Better Brownies Douglas Phillips, Lawrence Foods