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## Marriott Syracuse Downtown's Executive Chef Tom Kiernan inducted into American Academy of Chefs Culinary Hall of Fame

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – July 12, 2017 – [Marriott Syracuse Downtown](#)'s award-winning Executive Chef Tom Kiernan gained national recognition last night as a new inductee into the American Academy of Chefs Culinary Hall of Fame. The ceremony, held Tuesday, July 11, at Walt Disney World Resort's Coronado Springs Resort, honored Kiernan along with several fellow chefs whose outstanding attributes have earned the respect of their peers.

The American Academy of Chefs is the honor society of the American Culinary Federation, and represents the highest standards of professionalism in the industry. Its goal is to promote scholarship, training and mentoring to students and up-and-coming culinary professionals.

"We're thrilled, and not at all surprised, to see Tom recognized by his peers on the national stage," said Marriott Syracuse Downtown General Manager Paul McNeil. "Our hotel benefits daily from the considerable talent, vision, and commitment he brings to the dining program at Eleven Waters and at our new Shaughnessy's pub, both of which he has masterfully ushered from concept to fruition."



Chef Kiernan has helmed the kitchens of Marriott Syracuse Downtown since 2015, where he continues a decade-long commitment to sustainable sourcing. Working with Central New York farmers, producers and processors is a significant aspect of his kitchen philosophy. His past experience is varied and extensive, spanning kitchens in New York City, the Boston waterfront and the Caribbean.

No stranger to the culinary spotlight, Chef Kiernan was honored as a guest chef at the James Beard House's famed Empire State Fest in 2015. That same year, he was named Chef of the Year by the Syracuse chapter of the American Culinary Federation. He graduated from the Culinary Institute of America.

### About Marriott Syracuse Downtown

Located in one of the area's most historic buildings, the new 261-room Marriott Syracuse Downtown opened in fall 2016 after a major renovation to restore the hotel to its original glory. Conveniently situated just minutes from all that downtown Syracuse has to offer, from its many businesses to numerous

entertainment venues and cultural sites, the hotel is an ideal destination for business and leisure travelers alike. The hotel's stylish interiors combine history and modernity – with original features dating back to 1924 and new furnishings designed by local Stickley furniture. In addition to the hotel's restaurant, Eleven Waters, and its casual gathering spot, The Cavalier Room, Marriott Syracuse Downtown offers a choice of 23 event rooms that include expansive, state-of-the-art meeting venues and facilities for up to 1,330 guests. All main floor meeting rooms, as well as the Finger Lakes Ballroom, meet the discerning standards of International Association of Conference Centers (IACC). The hotel is located at 100 E. Onondaga Street and is managed by Crescent Hotels & Resorts. For more information, call (315) 474-2424 or visit [marriottsyracusedowntown.com](http://marriottsyracusedowntown.com).

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