



**2012
INDUCTEE**



GUY FIERI

Celebrity/Humanitarian Category

Guy Fieri is a chef, restaurateur, New York Times best-selling author and Emmy award-winning television host who began his culinary career as a 10-year-old, selling soft pretzels from a three-wheeled bicycle cart he built with his father called “The Awesome Pretzel.” After six years selling pretzels and washing dishes, Guy earned enough money to study abroad in Chantilly, France. There, he gained a profound appreciation for international cuisine and the lifestyle it’s associated with.

In 1996, Guy opened Johnny Garlic’s, his first restaurant, based in his hometown of Santa Rosa, California. Since then, Guy has gone on to create a culinary empire. In 2006, Guy premiered his first show, “Guy’s Big Bite,” on Food Network. In 2003, Guy, along with four other passionate pitmasters, formed the competition barbecue team known as Motley Que Crew, and in 2011, his team won the American Royal World Series of Barbecue® Open Contest. The following year, Motley Que Crew won the 2012 Houston Livestock & Rodeo World Championship Bar-B-Que Contest.

Today, this “Culinary Rock Star” hosts top-rated shows including “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives” and “Guy’s Grocery Games.” He guest judges on “Next Food Network Star” and collaborates with celebrity chef Rachael Ray in the star-studded competition series “Rachael vs. Guy: Celebrity Cook-off” and “Rachael vs. Guy: Kids.” Guy also has a full line of barbecue sauces sold nationwide.

Guy attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Hospitality Management. Most recently, Guy was awarded an honorary doctorate from UNLV for his public service and commitment to his alma mater.