



Les Dames d'Escoffier | Austin Chapter

Celebrating Women of Culinary Achievement and Creating Paths for Those to Come

LES DAMES D'ESCOFFIER OF AUSTIN ANNOUNCES 2019 NEW MEMBERS

AUSTIN, TX, May 20, 2019 – The Austin chapter of [Les Dames d'Escoffier](#), an international culinary leadership organization of women, has added 26 new members hailing from the fields of food, fine beverage and hospitality.

The new 2019 members include:

- Liz Berry, Liz Berry Creative
- Amy Cartwright, Independence Brewing Co.
- Jennifer Cheng, Whole Foods Market
- Tabatha Conarko, Con' Olio Oils & Vinegars
- Jennifer Costello, The Bonneville Restaurant
- Krystal Craig, Intero
- Alicynn Fink, Emmer & Rye
- Anna Fry, private chef
- Kim Hanks, Whim Hospitality
- Elizabeth Hyman, Kome Group
- Courtney Knittel, Giant Noise
- Michelle Lee, Central Market
- Tamara Mayfield, Dai Due, New School of Traditional Cookery
- Mandi Nelson, European Cellars
- Jenna Northcutt, Edible Austin
- Olivia O'Neal, Sugar Mama's Bakeshop
- Dawn Orsak, Austin Food and Wine Alliance
- Lindsey Peebles, Texas Keeper Cider
- Jessica Sanders, drink.well.
- Jam Sanitchat, Thai Fresh
- Monique Santua, Texas Farmers' Market & Gastronomique
- Meg Schwartz, Spoon & Co.
- Robin Simoneaux-Williamson, SRSLY Chocolate
- Patricia Tamminga, Beeline Market
- Anna Tauzin, Texas Restaurant Association

- Leanne Valenti, Bento Picnic

“This is one of the largest Dames classes ever, which is a direct reflection on the impressive culinary scene in Austin and the growing number of exceptional women driving this industry,” says Kendall Antonelli, president of the Austin chapter and owner of Antonelli’s Cheese.

The Austin Chapter of Les Dames d’Escoffier hosts education, mentoring and networking [events](#) for both members and non-member and supports local [philanthropic initiatives](#) such as Posada Esperanza, Green Corn Project, and its annual holiday dinner for the homeless.

The Austin chapter also holds an annual fundraiser and auction to support scholarships for young women studying food, wine and hospitality. To date, the group has awarded \$85,000 in scholarships and continuing education stipends. This year, the annual fundraiser and Les Dames celebration event is Thursday, September 5 at Franklin Barbecue.

For more information about the Austin chapter of Les Dames d’Escoffier, go to <http://Ideiaustin.org/>. Follow us on [Facebook](#) (Ideiaustin) and Instagram (@austindames).