



The Hospitality HOTSPOT

WEEKLY MEMBER NEWSLETTER



NATIONAL UPDATE

SPENDING PACKAGE PASSES WITHOUT RFF

As you have likely heard, Congress this week finally reached a bipartisan agreement on their annual spending bill. The agreement is silent on replenishing the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), and no new funds will be directed to complete the mission and fund the 177,000 applications still pending.

The National Restaurant Association called this failure a "gut punch" to our industry, and we couldn't agree more. We are waiting for the dust to settle in Washington and to identify if there are other avenues to replenish this sorely needed program. But this decision from Congress is a huge blow to our efforts and the path forward is very uncertain. Hospitality businesses are going to close because of inaction, and tens of thousands of you have answered our call every time we've asked you to engage in this fight.

From the start of this pandemic, Alaska CHARR and the National Restaurant Association have pursued an "all-of-the-above" strategy for the industry, diving into every issue at the federal, state, and local level that could help or hurt us. From cocktails-to-go to worker shortages, we have had a seat at the table for every major policy debate underway. That will not change.

You'll be hearing more from us and the National Restaurant Association on the outlook for RRF, but in the meantime, there's a host of other issues we need to be focused on. We're not stopping and hope you won't either.

[90-second Advocacy update with Sean Kennedy](#)

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY ADDS NEARLY 124K JOBS

Eating and drinking establishments added a net 123,700 jobs in February, representing the 4th consecutive month with job growth in the 125k range and 14th straight month of employment gains overall. [Here](#) is the report for you to read!

PROSTART PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOLS CAN GET GRANTS

The Foundation announces that high schools across the country are eligible to apply for \$5,000 grants from [The Rachael Ray Foundation](#) to initiate or improve ProStart programs. **Applications close March 31st**

ALASKA CHARR MEMBERS

HELPING HANDS FOR HOSPITALITY

Alaska CHARR has partnered with **Adesso Capital** and **Payroll, LLC** to help our members file for their ERC funds. The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) is a federal COVID tax incentive that can help your business. You may qualify for up to \$26,000 per employee—but the ERC filing process is complex and time-consuming, and many CPAs are unaware of its eligibility requirements.

Please choose *Payroll, LLC* if you have not received any funds from ERTC

Their tax experts can quickly estimate the amount of ERC funds for which you may be eligible.

Please choose *Adesso* if you have already received some ERTC funds and would like a second look at your qualifications.

The Adesso team has helped restaurants and lodging operators across the U.S. claim an average of \$125,000 in ERC funds per filing.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO GET STARTED!



DREAM TEAM UPDATE

Alaska CHARR Members! We have a significant announcement. Our Member Services Manager Corrine Law is returning to Anchorage in May! Corrine has done a great job working remotely in Georgia, and we are excited to have her back!

DELTA JUNCTION PROSTART

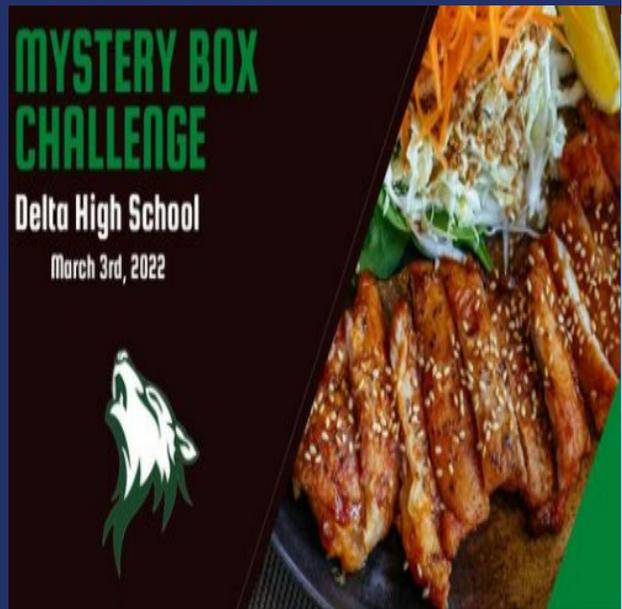
On March 3rd, students at Delta Junction High School hosted their ProStart Culinary Competition. This year's theme was the "Mystery Box Challenge". Students were paired up with one of their parents and given a box with mystery ingredients used to create dishes that were submitted to a panel of judges. This year's winners are listed below!

1st Place: Team 6 - Mother/Daughter Team

2nd Place: Team 2 - Mother/Daughter Team

3rd Place: Team 4 - Father/Daughter Team

Congratulations to all participants! [HERE](#) is the video!



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

- March 24th - Monthly Membership Call
10 A.M. Link to be emailed
- March 24th- Alaska CHARR PAC Raffle
2 P.M. Reilly's Irish Pub
317 W Fireweed Ln. Anchorage, AK 99503

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It's not too early to get involved!

Selman Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, June 17th, 2022

