Commencement Awards

Qualified students will be recognized at the graduation ceremony with awards to honor their academic achievement and distinguished service. **Graduation awards are specific to the student's program and campus where they are enrolled.**

Bachelor's

The CIA presents the following awards to deserving students graduating from the college's bachelor's degree programs:

Dean's Applied Food Studies Award

Given to the student who demonstrates, through a strong record of scholarship and service to the community, a commitment to advancing the field of food studies and achieves a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the required applied food studies courses.

Dean's Professionalism in Baking and Pastry Arts Award

Given to a student who demonstrates a standard of professionalism in food handling, food safety, skills proficiency, and leadership in a bakeshop laboratory environment.

Dean's Professionalism in Culinary Arts Award

Given to a student who demonstrates a standard of professionalism in food handling, food safety, skills proficiency, and leadership in a kitchen environment.

Founders' Management Award

Awarded to a student who demonstrates critical thinking, communicates well, participates in class activities, and maintains a GPA or 3.5 or higher in the required management courses.

Jacob Rosenthal Leadership Award

For exemplary leadership and professionalism inside and outside the classroom.

President's Humanities Award

Awarded to the student who demonstrates, in written works and spoken comments, an intellectual curiosity in the tradition of humanist thinking; weighs evidence; analyzes information; and uses sound reasoning to substantiate opinions. This student goes beyond the expectations for most assignments. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, a minimum of 42 institutional credits in the bachelor's curriculum, and no outstanding courses at the time of the ceremony are required.

Provost's Culinary Science Award

Awarded to a student who demonstrates scientific literacy, cross-disciplinary thinking skills, and a sincere desire to address the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly complex food system, and earns a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the required culinary science courses.

Bachelor's and Associate

The college presents the following awards to qualified graduating students:

The Culinary Institute of America Judiciary Award

Given to a student who has successfully completed 15 weeks of service and is recommended for this award by the Judiciary Board's advisors.

The Culinary Institute of America Student Government Service Award

Given to a student who has completed a distinguished period of service and accomplishment and is recommended for this award by the SGA advisors.

Associate in Culinary Arts

Special awards for deserving students in the associate in culinary arts degree program are presented at commencement. These include:

Frances Roth Leadership Award

For outstanding leadership, professionalism, and service to the college.

Katharine Angell Academic Achievement Award

Given to the student with the highest GPA through the Contemporary Hospitality and Service Management class.

The Young Professional's Medal of Merit of the Académie Brillat-Savarin

Given to a student demonstrating excellence in wine knowledge.

Associate in Baking and Pastry Arts

Special awards for deserving students in the associate in baking and pastry arts degree program are presented at commencement. These include:

Frances Roth Leadership Award

For outstanding leadership, professionalism, and service to the college.

Katharine Angell Academic Achievement Award

Given to the student with the highest GPA through the Beverages and Customer Service class.

The Young Professional's Medal of Merit of the Académie Brillat-Savarin

Given to a student demonstrating excellence in wine knowledge.