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**AWCA to Present Ina Garten with Lifetime Achievement Award**

**New York, NY.** – The Association for Women in Culinary Arts will present Ina Garten with the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual AWCA Culinary Awards.

**WHAT:** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual AWCA Culinary Awards, which honors culinary achievements and innovations by women in all areas of the field, will present Ina Garten with the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was designed to honor trailblazing women in the culinary arts field who have helped to support the work of the AWCA and its dedication and foundation in helping women advance in their careers.

The AWCA and Ina Garten have a long partnership together, co-founding the AWCA New York Culinary Institute and establishing the Ina Garten Scholarship for Young Women. The AWCA is delighted to honor Garten for her progression, dedication and innovation of the culinary arts worldwide during the end of the ceremony.

**WHERE:**

Gotham Hall, 1356 Broadway, New York, NY 10018. Please use designated press entrance on Broadway.

**WHEN:**

*Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:30-10:00 p.m.*

**WHO:** The Association for Women in Culinary Arts and Ina Garten, celebrated chef, author and philanthropist.

**About the Association for Women in Culinary Arts**

The Association for Women in Culinary Arts' mission is to bring together resources and opportunities for women to progress and enhance their careers and skill sets. We strive to provide women at any stage in their culinary career with the tools, resources and development opportunities to advance within all areas of the industry. We work with all areas and specialties of food, beverage, catering and more and we connect our regional members with the best inside those areas of the culinary industry.

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## **News Release**

### **AWCA Honors Ina Garten with Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award**

**New York, NY.** – The Association for Women in Culinary Arts honored Ina Garten with the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual AWCA Culinary Awards. As a long-time patron, champion and partner with the AWCA, Ina Garten spoke about her dedication and passion for helping women advance their careers and achieve better opportunities in the culinary field.

“I have been cooking for others for more than 40 years, but the greatest pride in my career is the work I do with the Association for Women in Culinary Arts,” said Garten during her acceptance speech. “Helping their mission to support women at all stages in their culinary journeys, seeing this organization open doors that I often struggled to push through and advocating for better opportunities is why I enjoy and will continue to partner with this fabulous group of women and their wider community.”

The annual awards ceremony hosted by the Association for Women in the Culinary Arts recognizes and celebrates outstanding culinary achievements and advancements made by their women members in the field. Five members – one from each regional chapter in the United States – are chosen each year to be honored. These regional recipients are announced and voted on by the regional chapter advisory committee, but this year the committee wanted to honor the foundational partners of the AWCA with a new award as a platform to thank them for their continuous commitment and generosity.

“Ina Garten is the epitome of what our work here at the AWCA aims to accomplish and we couldn’t have picked a better inaugural award recipient,” says AWCA advisory committee president Rebecca Gaines. “She’s gracious, talented and successful and she consistently embodies what we want for all of our members. As a self-taught chef, she advocates for better opportunities for success for every woman in our programs – no matter where they begin.”

While next year’s awards show is still in-progress and yet to be announced with an official date, Ina Garten has already signed on to present the award to the next Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. “It will be an immense pleasure to continue to celebrate my colleagues and these fabulous women at the AWCA who are working hard to pave the way for us all,” she said during the photo-op after accepting her award.

For more ceremony highlights, award acceptances speeches and exciting live culinary demonstrations from the awards show, visit [www.awca.com/culinaryawards](http://www.awca.com/culinaryawards).

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