

## For Immediate Release

# KitchenCray Takes the Title Of 2016 Mason Dixon Master Chef Champions

## *Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament Concludes*

*Baltimore, MD, August 15, 2016* – Last night a sold out crowd gathered at The Inn at the Colonnade in Baltimore to cheer on the final two contestants in The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament. The Tournament began back in early June with 16 chef teams and 15 matches ahead of them in this summer-long bracket-style single-elimination culinary competition.

The final two teams from Tark's Grill and KitchenCray competed in Battle Royale for over \$15,000 in cash and prizes. In the end, KitchenCray's team (Executive Chef Giovanni Merle, Sous Chef Demetri Hector and Sous Chef Jeremiah Carter) took the win and are now the 2016 Mason Dixon Master Chef Champions!

Also in attendance last night were representatives from the Tournament's charity partner Meals on Wheels of Central of Maryland, who were the recipients of a cash donation of \$3,350.00 from the Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament. The Tournament donates 10% of all ticket sales and merchandise to charity each year, and to date has given close to \$18,000 to local food charities.

Sous Chef Christina Chaves from Grille620 was also on-hand to receive a special award from the Tournament organizers, "The Clark Raines Rising Star Award". The award was set up last year in memory of Chef Clark Raines of Maple Leaf Farms, a long-time sponsor, friend and supporter of the Tournament.

For more information on the Tournament, or to apply to compete in next Summer's competition, visit [www.MDMasterChef.com](http://www.MDMasterChef.com). Twitter and Facebook at *Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament*. Instagram at *mdmasterchef*.

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### *About The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament*

*This multi-week event is a single-elimination tournament designed to showcase some of the area's finest executive chefs and restaurants. Guests attending this exciting event will be more than just spectators, as they enjoy the unique experience of witnessing two spectacular area chefs battle it out in the prep kitchen right on the main floor. Each evening two chef teams go head-to-head to prepare an appetizer, entrée and dessert for each of three expert judges, as well as amuse bouche portions of their entrees for up to 36 audience member judges. Their creations are scored on creativity, presentation and taste, and only one chef advances to the next round. At the end of this tournament only one of the 16 competing chefs will emerge as THE Mason Dixon Master Chef! 10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland. More information available at [www.MasonDixonMasterChef.com](http://www.MasonDixonMasterChef.com), on Twitter @MDMasterChef, and Facebook at Mason Dixon Master Chef.*

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