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Women's Food Alliance celebrates 12th anniversary

The Women's Food Alliance is celebrating its 12th anniversary with the newly appointed First Coast Leadership Council 2024-25.

One of the leading networking organizations for hospitality women in the southeastern United States, it's comprised of nine professional hospitality women who share their time, talent, creative ideas and positive spirit. Recently expanded into Coastal Georgia, that includes members in Savannah, St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island and St. Marys. Participating members there have been called incredibly supportive of partnerships that build new creative businesses.

The members are proud to share their diverse careers in restaurants, events, entertainment, specialty foods, catering, distinctive venues, wedding planners, party rental provisions, bakeries, food tours, food trucks, hospitality media and more.

The Women's Food Alliance cultivates



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The Women's Food Alliance First Coast Leadership Council.

and advances networking, education and collaboration for women in the culinary and hospitality industry. It is a safe haven of trusted advice, genuine support and a place to grow.

Membership in the Women's Food Alliance opens the doors to exploring new cuisines, receiving personalized invitations to monthly gatherings in new and exciting venues, meeting noted culinary leaders, participating in food competitions, receiving media exposure through the broad outreach of each member's marketing talents and enjoying the industry's everexpanding creative personalities who share their successes!

"We cherish 'Friendship First'," said founder and President Leigh Cort.

In addition to Cort, the First Coast Leadership Council consists of Ellie Schultze, executive chef at Chez L 'Amour; Kelly Mabry, owner/operator of two Tropical Smoothie Cafes; Sue Lomba, social media/tech adviser for the Women's Food Alliance; Erin Kelly, business development for Kelly Farm; Nancy Slatsky, culinary sales and consulting for Mr. Greens Produce; Cindy Campbell-Taylor, president and CEO for Taylor Made Solutions USA; Cindy Stavely, executive director for the St. Augustine Pirate/Treasure Museum & Colonial Quarter; and Chelsy Johnson, general manager for Pesca by Michaels.



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