

HEALTHY CHEF CHALLENGE 2026



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JUDGING PANEL

Andrew Zimmerman is a Chicago-based chef and culinary consultant whose career has been shaped by classical training, global curiosity, and a deep respect for the craft. A graduate of the French Culinary Institute in New York, he spent 17 years as executive chef at Sepia, where the restaurant earned Michelin recognition every year it was eligible.

He is also a five-time James Beard Award finalist and a winner on Food Network's Iron Chef America. Andrew has a longstanding commitment to work beyond the restaurant walls. He served as an inaugural member of the U.S. State Department's American Chefs Corps, and was recognized by Plate Magazine as Humanitarian of the Year.

Today he consults with restaurants, hotels, and food brands, helping teams find their culinary identity and build programs that last.