





PATRICK'S CORNER

Te were so excited to have the opportunity to honor Tito Beveridge of Tito's Vodka at the recent VIBE Conference in San Diego. He is truly a legend and such a wonderful ambassador for our industry. A pure Texas gentleman, he is one of the most humble people we have ever recognized. Our MAB reception was attended by over 350 guests, including actors Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul who, together, own Dos Hombres Mezcal.

If you plan on attending the NRA Show in Chicago, look for us and our train on Sunday, May 21st. We plan to be there for the game as well, rooting for the Cubs on Tuesday, May 23rd. We hope to see you there, enjoying everything the windy city has to offer.

Finally we have three exciting parties scheduled for Aspen this year. Our "Annual Aspen Kick-off Party," "Aspen After Dark" and the legendary "Hangover Brunch" the weekend of June 16th. If you are coming to Aspen, we hope to see you there over a glass or under the stars!

Additionally, we have great news regarding our annual Supplier Showcase event at The Post Oak Hotel during the first week of August. Despite adding more booths for 2023, we sold out of spaces in less than a week! Accordingly, we have an all-star cast of industry panelists and featuring, for the first time, the incomparable Johnny Carrabba who has graciously consented to serve as keynote speaker. We are so looking forward to hearing all of their industry insights and all they have to share.



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PHCP Mixologist extraordinaire,
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Martini for the cameras.

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never stays in London

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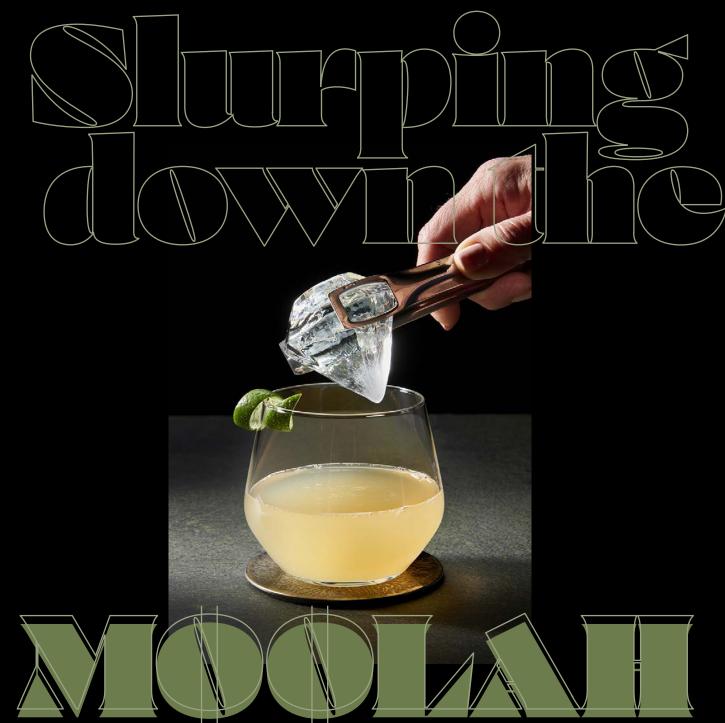
Originally from Ghana, Douglas Ankrah was a pioneer of the mixology world - and the Pornstar Martini. He was a consultant and trail blazer whose success was immensely measured by the London Academy of Bartenders. The academy that once trained soon-to-be icons in 1996, became a fully operational bar in 1999. It was here that bar industry mavens Andrea Montague, Tim Stones and Dre Masso kicked off their careers.











Written by: Mary Cate Opela

In 1960, an average cocktail would set you back about 50 cents.¹ The average cost today is about \$12-\$14 with many upscale spots' base cocktails starting at \$18. Prices have increased over 40% in the past decade and are expected to continue to rise. The "cheap" cocktail seems to be a thing of

the past, and while everything seems to be more expensive these days due to inflation and higher operating costs, the hefty price tag of cocktails can be attributed to patrons having great expectations when it comes to their beverage of choice.²

Pictured: Cantina Laredo's "El Diamante Margaritael Margarita"



any consumers, including myself, don't bat an eye at the thought of paying \$20 or more for a craft cocktail. A few drinks in, and I've spent the cost of a tank of gas or a pair of new sneakers, only to watch that money literally be flushed down the toilet later that evening. I, like so many, am willing and ready to splurge on a night out for a premium cocktail, an aesthetic photo for my Instagram story, and an experience that makes me feel like I'm a socialite.

Cocktail culture has created a customer who expects a glass filled with not only the highest quality and freshest ingredients, including top quality spirits, unique infusions, and over-the-top garnishes, but

also presentation with flair and distinction in everything from the shaking and pouring to the glassware. The beverage industry knows that today's consumers are expecting an elevated experience. Master mixologists are giving them just that... and guests are willing to pay \$\$\$ for it.3

s an avid supporter of the Houston bar and restaurant scene, I have seen and tasted the decadence that is trending in cocktails. From Bloom & Bee's \$25 "Parisian 50" made with Branson Cognac VSOP and Le Chemin du Roi Brut Champagne to Diversion's immersive \$30 "Day at the Beach," featuring dark rum, gin, Texas calamansi and tarragon served in an edible dark chocolate shell on edible sand — there's something for everyone.

At member's only, The Oak Room nestled away on the top floor of Landry's 5-star Post Oak Hotel & Spa, one can order a \$45 "Millionaire Margarita" or \$160 "Sidecar" with Grand Marnier Cuvée 1880 while overlooking the breathtaking Houston skyline.

If you think that's expensive, hop on a plane to Las Vegas and snag a table at XS Nightclub in the Wynn Hotel & Casino where the \$10,000 "Ono Cocktail" comes served in a jewel encrusted glass with a pair of gold cufflinks and an 18-carat necklace embellished with black pearl and diamonds. The accessories aren't the only

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thing that makes this cocktail a pretty penny; with ingredients such as Charles Heidsieck 1981 Champagne and Rémy Martin Louis XIII Black Pearl Cognac, each sip costs roughly \$1,000.

Jet set to Japan and order "The Diamonds are Forever Martini" at the Ritz-Carlton Tokyo. Priced at a hefty \$22,600 and made with Absolut Elyx Vodka,

lime juice, and garnished with a one-carat diamond, this James Bond approved martini is one of the most expensive and exclusive cocktails in the world. Served tableside, shaken not stirred, and accompanied with the 1971 "Diamonds are Forever" soundtrack softly playing in the background, this is a cocktail experience

ricey beverages aren't only found at super boujee, boutique, or luxury style concepts. Consolidated

you will never forget.

costs roughly \$1,000



Restaurant Operations, Inc.'s Mexican chain concept Cantina Laredo recently released their "El Diamante Margaritael Margarita" for \$29, featuring Avión Reserva Cristalino Tequila and Cointreau Noir (a blend of Cointreau Orange Liqueur and Rémy Martin Cognac) served over a large diamondshaped ice cube. While Hooters, one of America's "happy places" for wings, has featured a "Gourmet Chicken Wing Dinner" that was served with a bottle of Dom Pérignon Champagne and your choice of 20 wings for a whopping \$199.99.

here is a place for premium anywhere for consumers who want to

enjoy something extraordinary. From garnishes to glassware and extravagant service rituals such as caviar bumps, Champagne sidecars and sparklers, decadence at the bar is going nowhere and the cost of a single beverage or night out, will only continue to rise as consumers are looking for and demanding more of their cocktail and dining experience.⁴

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Separating Your Brand in the Sea of Sameness

Written by: Kurt Moody

The 'Customer Experience' (CX) has become the singlemost important thing that drives business growth and increases revenue in 2023.

Customers expect an elevated brand experience regardless of the restaurant segment visited — from fine-dining coastal steakhouses to casual-dining Middle America. Any concept with a unique, experiential CX across food and beverage can significantly increase brand awareness, loyalty, traffic, and revenue.

An improved and elevated customer experience has moved to the forefront of the industry's focus due to the consumer behavior during the pandemic years of 2020–2021. Restaurant guests became

online and virtual, ordering all menu categories via togo or delivery service. The 'Catch-22' of extending all dining aspects into to-go and delivery was that it trained the consumer that they can get their favorite cocktail, entrée, and dessert without ever going to the restaurant. Now, postpandemic, the consumer is looking for something 'special' when returning to in-person dining.

According to Forbes, of customers say they're willing to pay more if it means getting a better customer experience. In the restaurant and bar industry this applies to multiple areas. Brands can be higher quality, or garnishes can be unique. Glassware can be exclusive, or ice formats can be rare. Tableside theatre or drink presentations can be interactive. All of these items separate the in-person dining experience from the to-go and delivery experience while being able to charge a premium. **Customer Experience statistics**



It's sive o'clock o'clock somewhere!

Written by: Tyler Funderburke



Can you find all the cocktails before they run out of Happy Hour snacks?

Aperol Spritz Hurricane Mai Tai

Cosmopolitan Old Fashioned Cooler

Whiskey Sour Negroni Punch

Mule Margarita Bahama Mama

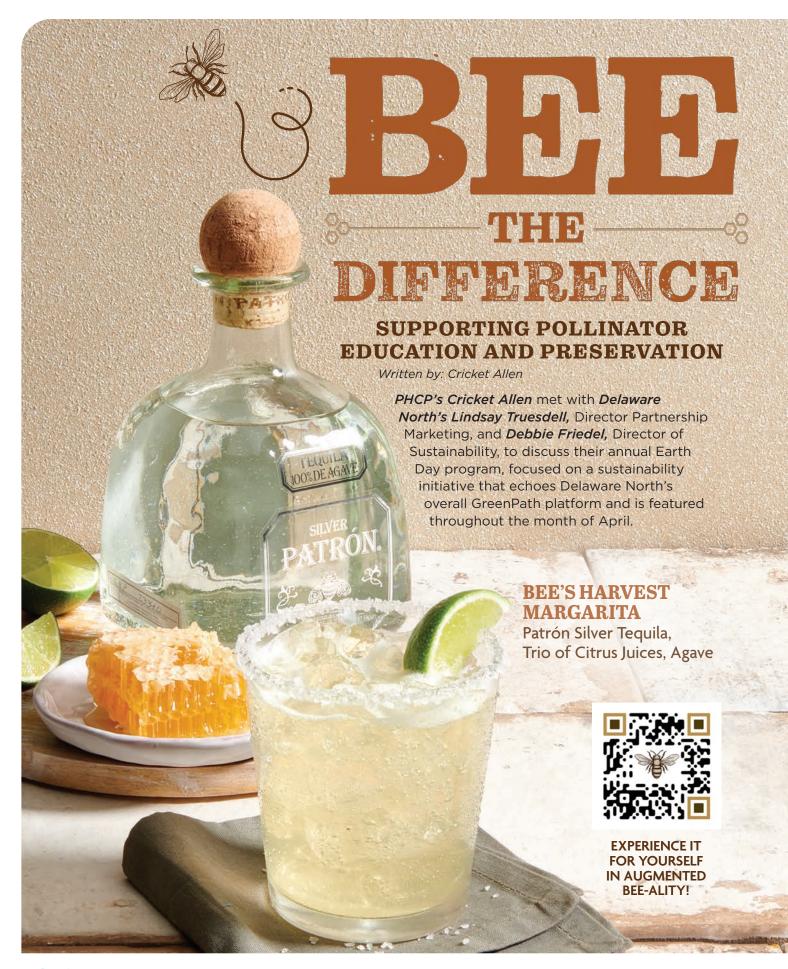
Bloody Mary Daiquiri Mojito

Pina Colada Martini











A global leader in hospitality management & food service management, Delaware North is one of the largest privately owned-and-operated hospitality and entertainment companies in the world.

From gaming & casinos, airports, national parks & resorts, entertainment & sporting arenas, and more, Delaware North is constantly innovating and delivering fresh ideas across a wide range of divisions.

- Q: Can you tell us about Delaware North's GreenPath initiative and any fast facts on changes and the impact in your F&B outlets?
- A: Our mission is to be conscientious, environmental stewards of the places in our care to support a healthy planet for future generations. We take an approach that brings sustainability and hospitality together for an experience that is responsible and rewarding. Priorities focus on supply chain, waste, energy and emissions, water, and the built environment. A few specific examples in food and beverage:
 - Supply chain management helps us to understand the source of our products and impact on the environment. To that end, we are focusing efforts to reduce impacts from single-use packaging by reducing use (making items available upon request), sourcing sustainable materials, and reducing plastics.
 - Reduction and waste-management techniques
 help us divert significant amounts each year
 from landfills. This includes managing food waste
 through reduction, donations, and food scraps
 recycling.
- Q: How do Delaware North's employees contribute to your sustainability mission on Earth Day or throughout the year?
- A: Delaware North team members throughout the United States contribute to a variety of sustainability initiatives, including reducing waste, donating surplus food, recycling, and volunteering in community events (e.g., cleanups and tree plantings). Each year, we recognize individuals who champion sustainability with our GreenPath Award.

- Q: What is one thing guests can do at a Delaware North property or elsewhere that can be a small step towards sustainable behavior?
- **A:** Bring your own reusable items (e.g., bags, straws, etc.) so that you can forgo single-use items, and remember to recycle.
- Q: We're hearing some buzz about your plans for Earth Month can you share some details?
- A: There is certainly a buzz in the air! In celebration of Earth Month, we're launching an innovative and impactful sustainability and cause marketing campaign throughout all of Delaware North's U.S. based locations about 140 from coast to coast.

For the month of April, each location will feature a premium "Bee's Harvest Margarita," with a portion of the proceeds from each drink sold benefiting The Bee Cause Project — an organization dedicated to protecting pollinators, and inspiring and educating communities about their importance.

The point-of-sale materials for this campaign will feature a QR code that, when scanned by a guest's phone, directs them to a custom augmented reality (AR) experience. As part of the AR experience, bees will "fly" from the QR code target with a prompt for the guest to "follow the bees." The user will follow them into an agave field, where they will be prompted to tap their screen to "pollinate the agaves." Once they have "pollinated" an agave, the user will see an information card with a fun fact about pollinators and their importance to the agricultural lifecycle.

As a global leader in hospitality and entertainment, both the cause and experience align bee-autifully (see what we did there?) with our brand and values.



BRITNEY DELL

Director

Britney is one of those rare individuals who does everything well. Even from a satellite office, she is *(obviously)* one of the most beloved faces at PHCP. Involved everywhere her clients need her, Britney still manages to find time to enjoy her family and the outdoors, having mastered that magic formula of work/life balance.

LONG-LOST FADS?

"Growing up, my Bike was life! Kids today have no idea the kind of freedom you found in running the hood, making ramps, and riding your bike down to the creek.. until the streetlights came on - that was code for dinner time!

Let's also talk about the NES (Nintendo Entertainment System) for a minute! How cool was that gaming system?? The nostalgia of blowing into the game cartridges to "get them to work" is the absolute best. If that didn't do the trick, then it was "don't push the cartridge all the way in, then push it down immediately after it hits the edge!" IYKYK. Pogs and Slammers were also a short-lived fad that we as kids enjoyed in the 90's."

REALITY TV CLAIM TO FAME?

"I did actually audition for **Big Brother** at the age of 21 back in 2006, made it all the way to semi-finals but didn't make the final cut. It's ok, I'm still a loyal fangirl and catch every season!"

PERSONAL ITEM WORTH MENTIONING?

"Sitting on my desk is a picture of my 2 girls and husband at Disney World. We all work hard, but it's so incredibly important to have a work/life balance. Enjoy your family to the fullest and don't ever take a day for granted."



Angela is like the office hummingbird, busily flitting from task to task. She also enjoys a hummingbird's penchant for all things sweet to keep her in constant motion! Always ready to lend a hand and a kind word to go with it, no day would be complete without hearing her laughter down the halls.

CHILDHOOD FASHION SENSE?

"Followed the trends...."

KARAOKE MUST HAVE?

"'Always be my baby' Mariah Carey"

ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE READERS TO KNOW?

"You can ask..."



EMPLOYEES OF THE





HELENA BIGGIN

Senior Meeting & Event Planner

"Planning events, training new hires, learning a new business... Helena has hit the ground running at PHCP!" Generous with her time, her energy and her attention, things are never boring when Helena is around. Brimming with ready charm, witticisms and tea, with her at the helm, the events team has drawn from her global experience and reached unforeseen heights.

CHILDHOOD FASHION SENSE?

"The era of bright headbands and hair scrunches, leg warmers — topped off with a wide belt! Oh dear!"

LONG-LOST FAD?

"The "George Foreman" lean mean grilling machine, I was obsessed with it.... Now I'm grown up I sadly have to use a gas stove instead!"

PERSONAL ITEM WORTH MENTIONING?

"My amazing miniature Chinese bedside cabinets from Hong Kong that have now been moved to four different continents..."

NOTABLE ADMIREE?

"Margaret Thatcher, she challenged the status quo and worked hard for her success"

KARAOKE MUST HAVE?

"Alanis Morrissette — You Oughta Know."

Want more?

Every quarter new songs get added to our PHCP Playlist on **Spotify**. Click the yellow note above to feel the PHCP vibe!

Have questions or interested in seeing how these stellar individuals can assist with your next project?

Reach out to **hello@phcp.com**

SHANNON PRITCHARD

Mixology Operations Specialist

The word that comes up the most when mentioning Shannon is, "Smile." Somehow, magically, she manages to blend both gentleness and exuberance in the same demeanour. "She works hard and strives for perfection daily, and it shows in her cocktails." Not only in her cocktails, but also in the way she puts clients and co-workers at ease, they all know they can rely on her!

LONG-LOST FAD?

"I miss when MTV actually showed music." (Us, too!)

FREAKY FRIDAY SWAP?

"Dale DeGroff, he's considered the world's best mixologist and two-time James Beard Award winner. I'd love to see inside his brain and learn a few things."

KARAOKE MUST HAVE?

"Anything Spice Girls!"

CHILDHOOD FASHION SENSE?

"Anything PINK!"



MONTH!



ANGELICA SCHMITZ

Account Executive

No matter how tough the project, when working with Angelica you always get the feeling everything will turn out a-ok! Her lilting laughter accompanies a strict work ethic and laser attention to detail. It has often been said that we could use five more Angelicas!

CHILDHOOD FASHION SENSE?

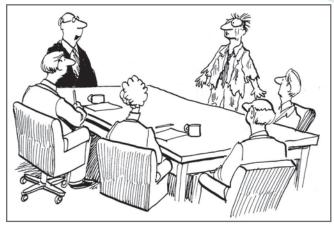
"Overalls and Blockbuster. I wore overalls a lot as a kid and scrolling through Netflix just isn't as eventful."

FREAKY FRIDAY SWAP?

"I'd swap places with an astronaut. I've always had a fascination with all things space — it'd be the experience and view of a lifetime."

PERSONAL ITEM WORTH MENTIONING?

"Donna Summer's On the Radio record. My mom played (and sang) a lot of Donna when I was growing up. She eventually passed down her record collection to me so this one has a special place in my heart!"



And now for an update from Beverage Operations.

PHCP WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME

We keep growing at PHCP and are so fortunate to have found some great talent both in Chicago as well as in our own backyard.

We are happy to introduce *Jake Hinkebein* who comes to us all the way from Chicago where he worked for Breakthru Beverage.

Additionally, *Jason Macal*, Star Wars buff, the always-welcoming *Julian Rendon*, and *Kennedi Clavon-Lorance* are all local talent who have joined us in Account Services and Brand Marketing.

Back for another appearance at PHCP is one of our favorite mixologists and bicycle afficionados, *Tulu Whiteside*.

We welcome them all to PHCP.

--- Patrick





























BEHIND THE SCENES

- Patrick Henry and Terry Graham strike a pose with M.A.B. reception special guests Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul of Dos Hombres Mezcal.
- 2. Longtime friend Bill Hinkebein of American Beverage Marketers and PHCP's Judy Burciaga and Kevin Pehlman toast to a successful M.A.B. Reception at the VIBE Conference in San Diego!
- 3. Congratulations to our 2023 Millennium Advisory Board Icon Award recipient Bert "Tito" Beveridge! Sheila Bennett (CORE) Joe Smith (Monin), Cami Lehmann (Brinker International), Tito Beveridge (Tito's Handmade Vodka), Jeffrey Bartfield (Proximo), and Jamie Carawan (Inspire Brands/Buffalo Wild Wings) smile as the M.A.B. makes a generous donation to CORE.
- 4. PHCP's Laura Nepveux with Fogo de Chao CMO Janet Gieselman and Vice President of Marketing Liz Melton at the 2023 Global Leadership Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- 5. OTG's Evolution Summit at the Borgata Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City was a huge success! Pictured (left to right): Jackie Hannon (New Belgium Brewing), Britney Dell (PHCP), Mark Peretti (New Belgium Brewing), Tina Petteway (Beam Suntory), Courtney Royal (William Grant & Sons), and Alyssa Belanger (Breakthru Beverage Group).
- 6. We were thrilled for the opportunity to host our new friends from FreeRange Concepts in our office for a drink tasting! Pictured (left to right): Sam Strain, Peter White, Daniel Menchaca and Megan Protz
- 7. There's nothing like laughter, wine, and quality time shared together at DAOU Mountain! PHCP Director Britney Dell was spotted at the DAOU Vineyards winery in Paso Robles with Nichole Lang of DAOU and Omni's Devin Burns, David Harker, and Wayne Kirsten.
- 8. Britney Dell and the Omni team also had the pleasure of touring the J. Lohr property and meeting legendary wine grower Jerry Lohr while in Paso Robles.