



LAURIE L. TORRES

Laurie is the owner of Mallorca Restaurant, an iconic downtown Cleveland restaurant and the city's most awarded restaurant for 30 years. This year, Mallorca was only one of 20 restaurants nationally to be semi-finalist for the James Beard Award for hospitality.

Torres has been featured in Cleveland Magazine, Scene Magazine, NPR, local and national Television shows for her advocacy work for small business. She is also the President of the Cleveland Independents.

Laurie was Cleveland Magazine "2022 Most Interesting Person", 2025 Cleveland Business Journal "Woman of Influence" and 2026 Crane's Cleveland Woman of Influence.



KATHLEEN DAY

Kathleen "Katalina" Day is the Owner and Founder of Katalina's Cafes in Columbus, Ohio. She brings her passion for the restaurant & hospitality industry and years of professional business experience to her staff and her community.

During a graduate school summer abroad in France, she learned to cook and fell in love with farm-to-table food. After years as a corporate Creative Director, she fulfilled her dream of opening a restaurant in 2010.

Katalina's has grown to three locations, and her Original Pancake Balls have been recognized both nationally and internationally, including recently on Diners, Drive-ins & Dives.



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