



# Empowering the Next Generation of Restaurant Leaders

ProStart is a nationwide program for high school students that focuses on developing the next generation of restaurant and foodservice leaders. The program is industry-driven, combining culinary arts and restaurant management training to build practical skills. ProStart provides students a platform to discover new interests while highlighting successful career opportunities across the industry.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- › Students participate in a two-year curriculum, take two national exams, complete a minimum of 400 hours of industry work experience and demonstrate mastery in employability skills
- › ProStart graduates receive the National ProStart Certificate of Achievement (COA), a post-secondary and industry-recognized certification that can result in scholarships and credits towards apprenticeship, academic and work experience

## THE NATIONAL PROSTART INVITATIONAL

Each year, 400+ ProStart students advance from state-level competitions to compete at the National ProStart Invitational (NPSI), the country's premier high school competition for restaurant management and culinary arts. The competition showcases top talent and connects the students with leading companies, industry influencers, celebrity chefs, and colleges and universities. NPSI 2020 was held virtually on Facebook Live.

### KEY STATS

**130,000**

Students in

**1,700+**

Schools

Across all 50 states, the District of Columbia & the Territory of Guam



Teacher Recognition Through the Annual ProStart Educators of Excellence Awards

Program Participants:

**600,000**

Students Over **16** Years



National Funding from the NRAEF, State Restaurant & Hospitality Associations, Industry Organizations & Foundations

## Get Involved!



To learn more about ProStart, visit [ChooseRestaurants.org/ProStart](https://ChooseRestaurants.org/ProStart).

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