



## Pizza Inn Names Franchisee and General Manager of The Year

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*America's Hometown Pizza Buffet Celebrates Wins at Annual Convention*

DALLAS, July 13, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The strength of a brand is often found within its franchisees and no company knows this better than Pizza Inn. This year, [Pizza Inn](#) held its annual convention in Louisville, Kentucky with one focus: continue winning.

Pizza Inn acknowledges the impact that the General Manager has on any restaurant, from operations to customer service and creating a favorable workplace for employees. This year, Pizza Inn recognized Ryan Summers of Paducah, Kentucky as General Manager of the Year. Summers is known in his community as the "pizza preacha" for his service as a local church pastor.

Bobby Clairday, a franchisee since 1974, received Franchisee of the Year for his dedication to the brand and the Arkansas community. Clairday's sons, who were present at the awards ceremony, lovingly refer to their father as a true legend –which is why Pizza Inn created the Bobby Clairday Badass Award in his honor. This award will be given to a new franchisee every year for their impact on their local community and their role in driving future growth of the Pizza Inn brand.

"We've seen some great wins as a result of our teamwork and collaboration," says RAVE Restaurant Group's (NASDAQ: RAVE) President and CEO, Brandon Solano. "I'm so proud of Ryan and Bobby for their devotion to the Pizza Inn family and for all they've built in their respective communities. The sky's the limit and I can't wait to see what the future holds."

For the restaurant nearest you, and more information on the entire menu, visit [pizzainn.com](#). Franchising information can be found at [pizzainn.com/franchise](#).

### **About RAVE Restaurant Group, Inc.**

Dallas-based RAVE Restaurant Group [NASDAQ: RAVE] has inspired restaurant innovation and countless customer smiles with its trailblazing pizza concepts. The Company owns, franchises, licenses and supplies Pie Five and Pizza Inn restaurants operating domestically and internationally. The Pizza Inn experience is unlike your typical buffet. Since 1958, Pizza Inn's house-made dough, house-shredded 100% whole milk mozzarella cheese, fresh ingredients and house-made signature sauce combined with friendly service solidified the brand to become America's favorite hometown pizza place. This, in addition to its small-town vibe, are the hallmarks of Pizza Inn restaurants. In 2011, RAVE introduced Pie Five Pizza, pioneering a fast-casual pizza brand that transformed the classic pizzeria into a concept offering personalization, sophisticated ingredients and speed. Pie Five's craft pizzas are baked fresh daily and feature house-made ingredients, creative recipes and craveable crust creations. For more information, visit [www.raverg.com](#), and follow on Instagram @pizzainnofficial and @piefivepizza.

### **About Pizza Inn**

Since 1958, [Pizza Inn's](#) popular pizza buffet and friendly service have solidified the brand as America's hometown pizza place. Unlike your typical buffet, Pizza Inn built a reputation for using house-made dough, house-shredded 100% whole milk mozzarella cheese, fresh ingredients and house-made signature sauce. This, combined with its small-town vibe, are the hallmarks of its restaurants that feature signature pan pizzas, chocolate chip 'pizzerts,' pasta dishes, salads and innovative creations that reflect today's customer cravings. The brand continues to thrive with new menu innovations, including its popular NYXL pizza. Follow Pizza Inn on Instagram [@pizzainnofficial](#) and to learn more about franchising opportunities visit [www.pizzainn.com/franchise](#).

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