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# PRESS RELEASE

FLATZ Restaurant's Executive Chef Sean Rush Continues to Build Reputation as one of the Local Area's Top Young Chefs  
*Chef Rush named White Lodging's Chef of the Year of all the company's managed properties*

**Broomfield, Colo. (July 22, 2013):** White Lodging Services and Flatz Restaurant are pleased to announce that Executive Chef Sean Rush has been recognized as the Chef of the Year across the company's managed properties.

"Sean Rush continues to be on the cutting edge as a local leader in Colorado contemporary cuisine," said Shawn Hornaday, the hotel's food and beverage manager. "As a progressive restaurant with micro local flavors and products, our menu thrives on the season and customers appreciate the ever-changing attitude of an inspiring young chef. We are truly lucky to have him on our team and can't wait to see what he does next."

The young chef's recent recognition is added to his existing repertoire of awards including the 2012 Dining Out Magazine "Top Young Chefs" in the Denver Metro Region, 2012 1st Place Winner of the Town of Superior Chili Cook Off, 2012 Customer Preference Award from Open Table and the 2012 Large Business of the Year of the Town of Superior Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm incredibly pleased with the success that we have had in Flatz over the past year, and really enjoy seeing people enjoy our hard work," said Chef Rush. "From the creative process to executing our menus, it's a true collaborative effort involving many great people. I'm blessed to be surrounded with so much talent and look forward to continuing to raise the bar."

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**CHEF RUSH CONTINUES TO BUILD REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE LOCAL AREA'S TOP YOUNG CHEFS**

Originally from Indiana, ChefRush began his career in medical sales after obtaining a psychology degree from Ball State University. At 25, he took his career path in a different direction and attended Johnson and Wales University in Colorado for culinary arts. As part of his education program and after his graduation in 2009, Chef Rush obtained a position at Flatz Restaurant where he quickly escalated from intern, kitchen supervisor, sous chef to the position of executive chef.

Since his time at Flatz Restaurant, Chef Rush has been committed to the restaurant's food forward philosophy. The food forward philosophy helps to encourage the associates to make every guest feel special and enjoy a great experience. To do so, the restaurant focuses on quality products, meats and seafood, friendly service and great wines in a comfortable atmosphere.

For more information about the restaurant, find Flatz on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FlatzRestaurant](http://www.facebook.com/FlatzRestaurant). To make reservations, call (720) 587-3025 or book online on Open Table at [www.opentable.com/flatz](http://www.opentable.com/flatz).

Flatz Restaurant, located at 500 Flatiron Boulevard in Broomfield, Colo., is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner with a scenic mountain view. Through an open exhibition kitchen, all guests are given a front row seat to the preparation of the restaurant's distinctive menu formed with fresh, local produce, meat and dairy. Private dining is available inside the restaurant for hosting private events to work luncheons.

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