

Ferran Adria and other celebrity chefs to visit Miami Dade College

HIGHLIGHTS

The Estrella Damm Gastronomy Congress begins Sept. 21

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Fifty students will receive private cooking demonstrations

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Estrella Damm brewery will donate \$5,000 to the Miami Culinary Institute

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Ferran Adria and other internationally renowned chefs will travel to Miami on Sept. 21 to celebrate the Estrella Damm Gastronomy Congress, headquartered at Miami Dade College's Miami Culinary Institute.

At the congress, participants will have an opportunity to learn the latest trends in the culinary world firsthand from some of the most influential chefs in Spain through a series of live demonstrations.

Adria, the creator of world-famous restaurant El Bulli, now closed, will also give live demonstrations.

At El Bulli, Adria distinguished himself in the art of creating modern-style molecular cuisine.

El Bulli earned three Michelin stars and was selected by Restaurant magazine as the best restaurant in the world five times in a row. His vanguard style and dish deconstruction changed culinary history. No other chef has received as many culinary industry awards as Adria, including the "Chef of the Decade" award he nabbed in 2010.

At the event, Adria will explore "The changing face of modern gastronomy," alongside Fran Agudo, head chef at Tickets Bar, a Michelin star recipient in Barcelona. This year, Tickets Bar earned the 42nd spot in a "Best Restaurants in the World" list. David Gil, creative director of pastry arts and head dessert chef at restaurants in Barcelona, will join Adria and Agudo in the panel discussion.

Adria and Luis Garcia, director of the el Bulli Foundation and former director of El Bulli, will conduct a workshop discussing the future of the restaurant as a concept, as well as the evolution of El Bulli from restaurant to the el Bulli Foundation, a creative culinary study center that follows the mantra "ingest knowledge to nourish creativity."

Adria and Garcia will also offer details about their work with projects, Heart Ibiza and Cirque du Soleil.

Adria is also a brand representative for Estrella Damm, the Barcelona brewery and presentation sponsor, which will donate a \$5,000 scholarship to the Miami Culinary Institute during a student demonstration at noon.

Gastronomy Congress attendees will enjoy free hors d'oeuvres, Estrella Damm beer and a copy of *Tapas: The TICKETS Cuisine*, Albert Adria's latest book.

MDC's Miami Culinary Institute has been visited frequently by the world's most famous and influential chefs, including the Roca brothers and Juan Mari Arzak, Lidia Bastianich and Scott Conant, among other culinary industry personalities.

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IF YOU GO

- What: Estrella Damm Gastronomy Congress
- When: Monday, Sept. 21. Student presentation at noon; welcome reception/accreditation at 6 p.m.; start of Estrella Damm Gastronomy Congress at 7 p.m.
- Where: Student demonstration, MDC Wolfson Campus, Building 9, Third Floor, Room 9301, 415 NE Second Ave.; reception/Gastronomy Congress, MDC Chapman Conference Center, Building 3, Room 3210, Second Floor, 245 NE Fourth St.
- For more information, visit miamidadeculinary.com/



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