



2019 SAIPAN CHAMBER AWARDS

2019 Small Business of the Year Nominees

Nominees for 2019 Small Business of the Year include Caravan of Foods, Island Training Solutions, and Naked Fish Bar & Grill. The criteria for small business of the year included the following: (1) Less than 25 employees or less than \$1M in gross revenue; (2) must have a business license and operating on Saipan for at least one year. Nominees were chosen by the Chamber Membership.

With a glimpse of the Middle East, **Caravan of Foods** brings to life a true wholesome experience on delicious style of Palestinian cuisine. Inspired by authentic flavor combinations, their menu offers a fresh and fast casual take on a traditional shared dining experience. Caravans' recipes are memories from the owner, Salam Younis's, father's kitchen, and he commits to serving simple, honest and flavorful food that is good for you. They are happy to share this experience from Jerusalem to Saipan.

Island Training Solutions (ITS) is a full-service professional training and consulting group that provides compliance and development training to numerous businesses, government agencies and non-profits and has supported workforce development and re-entry programs for PSS, OVR and CNMI Women's Association. ITS is also a service provider for Latte Training Academy, providing global and national certifications in Hospitality and Business from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute and National Bookkeepers Association respectively certifying over 800 CNMI residents in various professional concentrations. ITS provides back the to community through support of various charities, non-profits and causes exceeding \$5000 in 2019.

Naked Fish Bar & Grill is a locally owned & operated restaurant established in 2004. They focus on sourcing and highlighting local goods and talent to create a fresh and modern bar and grill filled with Marianas favorites, such as savory seafood, artisanal starters & sharables, local island tunes, wines & spirits, and taps with local craft beer made right here on Saipan. Naked Fish is passionate about its small business mantra, "What we do for our community matters!" by creating jobs for others to pursue their craft, making contributions of time & resources whenever possible, and encouraging innovation & entrepreneurship among our people.
