

CAS 2025 Restaurant Guide

While you are in town check out these local Asheville restaurants owned and led by participants of the JBA Bootcamp for Policy and Change, the Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership Program, and James Beard Awards.

Downtown Asheville

Chai Pani - Founder Meherwan Irani is a 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2020 JBA Semifinalist and Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change alum; Chai Pani is a 2022 JBA Winner; Co-Founder and Chief Hospitality Officer Molly Irani is a JBF WLP Advisory Committee member
32 Banks Ave
Asheville, NC
Distance: 17-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 11am-3pm & 5-9:30pm

Monday, April 7: 11am-3pm & 5-9:30pm

Botiwalla by Chai Pani - Founder Meherwan Irani is a 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2020 JBA Semifinalist and Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change alum
Co-Founder and Chief Hospitality Officer Molly Irani is a JBF WLP Advisory Committee member
22 Battery Park Ave
Asheville, NC
Distance: 10-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 11:30am-8pm

Monday, April 7: 11:30am-8pm

Cúrate - Curate is a 2022 JBA Winner; Founder Chef Katie Button is a Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change alum and Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership alum
13 Biltmore Ave
Asheville, NC
Distance: 8-minute walk or 4-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 11:00am-9:30pm

Monday, April 7: Closed

Good Hot Fish – Chef Ashleigh Shanti is a 2025 JBA Semifinalist, Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change alum, and Taste America chef
10 Buxton Ave
Asheville, NC
Distance: 19-minute walk or 5-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 11am-5pm

Monday, April 7: Closed

Downtown Asheville

The Market Place – Owner Chef William Dissen is a 2025 JBA Semifinalist and a Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change alum; The Marketplace is a 2024 JBA Semifinalist

20 Wall St

Asheville, NC

Distance: 10-minute walk or 6-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: Closed

Monday, April 7: Hosting private ticketed dinner for JBA CAS attendees Monday, April 7. [Click here](#) for details and tickets.

The Rhu Cafe and Bakery - Founder Chef John Fleer is a 2012 and 2020 JBA Semifinalist

10 S Lexington Ave

Asheville, NC 28801

Distance: 7-minute walk or 3-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 8:30am-4:00pm

Monday, April 7: 8:30am-2:30pm

Table – Owner Jacob Sessoms is a 2010 JBA Semifinalist

18 N Lexington Ave

Asheville, NC

Distance: 6-minute walk or 3-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 5-9pm

Monday, April 7: 5-9pm

West Asheville

Botiwalla by Chai Pani (West Asheville)- Founder Meherwan Irani is a 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2020 JBA Semifinalist and Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change alum

Co-Founder and Chief Hospitality Officer Molly Irani is a JBF WLP Advisory Committee member

697 Haywood Rd

Asheville, NC

Distance: 9-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 11:30am-9pm

Monday, April 7: 11:30am-9pm

West Asheville

Leo's House of Thirst – 2025 JBA Semifinalist Outstanding Wine Program

1055 Haywood Rd

Asheville, NC 28806

Distance: 11-minute drive from Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 5pm-10pm

Monday, April 7: Closed

Neng Jr.'s - Chef Silver Iocovozzi is a 2025 JBA Semifinalist Best Chef: Southeast

701 Haywood Rd Ste 102

Asheville, NC 28806

Distance: 9-minute drive from Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: Closed

Monday, April 7: Closed

Neng Jr.'s is setting aside a table Saturday the 5th and Wednesday the 9th—during normal dinner service—if JBA CAS attendees would like to dine. Email info@nengjrs.com to inquire about booking.

OWL Bakery (West Asheville) – Owner Susannah Gebhart is a 2022 JBA Semifinalist

295 Haywood Rd

Asheville, NC 28806

Distance: 8-minute drive from Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 8am -2 pm

Monday, April 7: Closed

The Admiral – 2013 JBA Semifinalist Best Chef

400 Haywood Rd

Asheville, NC 28806

Distance: 7-minute drive from Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 5-9pm

Monday, April 7: 5-10pm

North Asheville

OWL Bakery (North Asheville) – Owner Susannah Gebhart is a 2022 JBA Semifinalist

197 Charlotte St

Asheville, NC 28801

Distance: 4-minute drive from Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 8am-2pm

Monday, April 7: Closed

Plant – Chef Jason Sellers is a 2024 JBA Semifinalist

165 Merrimon Ave

Asheville, NC 28801

Distance: 3-minute drive from Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 5-9pm

Monday, April 7: Closed

East

Highland Brewing Company – CEO Leah Ashburn is a 2018 JBA Semifinalist

12 Old Charlotte Hwy #200

Asheville, NC

Distance: 9-minute drive from the Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 12-7pm

Monday, April 7: 2-10pm

Hell or High Water – Chef Eric Morris is a 2020 JBA Semifinalist (Cultura)

128 Broadway St

Black Mountain, NC 28711

Distance: 17-minute drive from Renaissance Hotel.

HOURS

Sunday, April 6: 5:00pm-9:00pm

Monday, April 7: Closed