

25 Chefs Share Their Favorite Moments Of 2020



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Mark Ellman, owner and executive chef of [Frida's Mexican Beach House](#) and [Honu](#) in Maui

“My favorite moments were calling the staff on the phone to come in and get ready to open Frida’s. The team was so happy to be working and everyone worked so hard to get the restaurant back in shape. It was such an amazing feeling, I actually went into my office and cried. When we opened on October 1 we had so many customers thanking us for opening, and I was thanking them for coming in because I did not know what to expect. We were socially distanced-packed all day and night. It was a great feeling. We rose far above the crisis as a crew. What could be better than that?”