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### **JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa Chef Competes in Food Network Show**

*Las Vegas luxury resort cheered on talented pastry chef Joel Gonzalez as he competed on the Jan. 13 episode of "Sugar Dome"*

**Las Vegas, NV** – Three teams enter and only one leaves! That's the premise of the new Food Network program "Sugar Dome," which invites cake makers, sugar specialists and master craftspeople to create uniquely themed dessert displays. For its latest episode, Food Network invited [JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa's](#) Chef Joel Gonzalez to create a unique 1980's-themed sugar display.

While he can typically be found working behind the scenes at the Las Vegas luxury resort's [restaurants](#), Gonzalez stole the limelight during the Jan. 13 episode of "Sugar Dome." A member of the team Sugar Defying Logic, Gonzalez represented the Las Vegas resort proudly and received special commendation from the judges for his dessert tasting sample, a coconut rice panna cotta with lime gelée. "It was a great experience that made me a better chef," said Chef Joel.



"Masterful sugar work," one judge remarked after tasting Gonzalez's sugar display entry.

Although his team took second place in the competition, Gonzalez made the Las Vegas luxury resort proud with his attention to detail, flavorful offerings and creative thinking. Guests interested in trying Gonzalez's creation in person can tempt their taste buds with a special variation of the dessert he created for the show during February's First Sunday Jazz Brunch at the on-site Ceres Restaurant on Feb. 3.

For travelers who can't make this month's brunch, Ceres holds a special brunch on the first Sunday of every month. The special event, which combines delicious dishes from the Las Vegas resort's restaurant and live jazz music from saxophonist Vince Preiter and guitar accompanist, starts at just \$18.95. Guests will dine on made-to-order favorites, including omelets and waffles, as well as bagels and lox, pastries, hash browns, sausage, bacon and more.

Food Network's show "Sugar Dome" invites three teams each episode to compete for a \$15,000 grand prize. During the course of the show, teams are given three unique twists to challenge their skills and adaptability. The show, which currently airs on **Sundays at 1pm/12c**, is hosted by award-winning TV host David Bull and features distinguished pastry chef and cake designer Paulette Goto and acclaimed pastry chef Pichet Ong as regular judges. Actress Charlene Tilton of "Dallas" stardom served as the special guest judge on the episode that featured Gonzalez.

Gonzalez is capable of handling any culinary challenge thanks to his time with the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort. In addition to the Food Network competition, Chef Joel has also competed in the 2011 US Pastry Competition in New York City, the 2012 National Pastry Competition at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort in Phoenix, AZ, and plans to compete in the 2013 [American Culinary Federation Competition](#) in March at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Those interested in sampling his culinary work firsthand should reserve a stay at the Las Vegas luxury resort today. The resort features nine dining options spanning a wide variety of cuisine including Mediterranean, Italian, American and Japanese.

#### **About the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa**

The JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa offers world-class luxury just 20 minutes northwest of the famous Las Vegas Strip. The Las Vegas resort is accessible to Las Vegas Speedway, TPC Las Vegas and a number of other golf courses. The JW Marriott features 548 well-appointed guest rooms and suites set amid 54 acres of lush gardens. Voted as one of the Top 5 Las Vegas Resorts by readers of Condé Nast Traveler, the Las Vegas resort also includes a full-service spa, state-of-the-art fitness center, 33 meetings rooms with 100,000 square feet of flexible space, more than 10 restaurants serving American, Italian, Japanese and Mediterranean cuisines and the onsite Rampart Casino. For information, visit [www.marriott.com/LAXJW](http://www.marriott.com/LAXJW) and check out [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).