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D.C. Chefs Win Beard Awards

The James Beard Foundation announced its 2008 awards at a star-studded event at Lincoln Center in New York on Sunday. "Sex and the City" co-star Kim Cattrall and chef Bobby Flay hosted the show, which gave medals for outstanding chef to Grant Achatz of Chicago's Alinea (who beat Washington's José Andrés) and for outstanding restaurateurs to Joe Bastianich and Mario Batali, partners at Babbo in New York.

CityZen's Eric Ziebold took home the gold for best mid-Atlantic chef, knocking out Cathal Armstrong of Restaurant Eve, Jose Garces of Amada in Philadelphia and Cindy Wolf of Charleston in

Baltimore.

Central Michel Richard won the award for best new restaurant, topping tough competition from Anthos in New York and Osteria in Philadelphia, among others.

Komo's Johnny Monis was nominated for rising-star chef but lost to Gavin Kaysen of Cafe Boulud in New York.

The award for outstanding wine and spirits professional went to Terry Theise, a Silver Spring wine importer who specializes in boutique French, German and Austrian bottles.

For a complete list of the awards, go to www.jamesbeard.org.

— Jane Black

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