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Joe Cash, chef at Scoundrel in downtown Greenville. NATHAN GRAY/STAFF, TALK GREENVILLE

Greenville chef named 2026 James Beard Award finalist

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Joe Cash, owner and head chef at Scoundrel, has been named a 2026 James Beard Award Finalist.

In January, the James Beard Foundation announced its 2026 Restaurant and Chef Award semifinalists, where two Greenville-area food and beverage talents were named as part of the industry's most coveted annual traditions, including Cash.

On March 31, the Greenville Technical College graduate and newly Michelin-starred chef was announced via The James Beard Foundation's Instagram account as a finalist for the Best Chef: Southeast (Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia) category.

Cash will compete in the Best Chef: Southeast category against Mary Ellen Diaz of Alma Bea in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, J. Trent Harris of Muj in Atlanta, Taylor Montgomery of Montgomery Sky Farm in Leicester, North Carolina, and David Willocks of The Baker's Table in Newport, Kentucky.

In November 2025, Scoundrel of downtown Greenville — owned and operated by Cash — received a coveted one Michelin star, designating the French-American eatery at 18 N. Main St. is one of the best restaurants in the South.

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Joe Cash of Scoundrel adjusts his jacket after being awarded a Michelin Star on Nov. 3, 2025, during the Michelin Guide American South Ceremony at The Peace Center in Greenville. ALEX MARTIN/GREENVILLE NEWS

Hands-free driving violations ranked by county

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The South Carolina Department of Public Safety has released the 30-day data of hands-free driving law citations by county.

Recorded numbers follow a six-month warning period, with law enforcement citations beginning on Feb. 28.

According to the department, the South Carolina Highway Patrol, South Carolina State Transport Police, and the South Carolina Bureau of Protective Services issued 1,994 citations for hands-free violations between Feb. 28 and March 29. Other law enforcement agencies in the state reported 1,501 citations. Statewide, there were 3,495 issued during the period.

Charleston County led the Palmetto State with the most citations at 470. Spartanburg County trailed closely behind at 464. Horry County was the

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SC drivers see \$1 spike in gas prices in a month. Here's what to know

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As of March 30, the US-Israeli conflict has entered its 31st day, with nationwide gas prices surging toward \$4 per gallon.

Following the outbreak of war, Iranian forces launched more strikes across the region, hitting Israel's largest oil refinery and a desalination plant in Kuwait, and continued to block the Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint for commercial shipping and oil tankers, according to reports from USA TODAY.

WTI crude oil futures rose to \$101.70 a barrel, setting up for a record monthly surge of more than 50%, and Brent

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