

**THE PAUL BURCH EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD**  
**IN RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE, OUTSTANDING SERVICE,**  
**AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION**

There are so many deserving employees — those who you see every day but also those who work behind the scenes —  
equally contributing to the success of The River Landing Companies.

*August Award Winners*  
*Chef Charles Rousey – Executive Chef*  
*Angel Meza – Landing Course Foreman*



**Chef Charles Rousey**

As there are so many employees of The River Landing Companies deserving recognition of their outstanding contribution and level of performance, Chef Charles Rousey is definitely one of them. Charles was ever so gracious when he found out he was selected as one of the recipients of the Paul Burch award for August. But that is just Charles — ever so personable!

As a Chef for over 25 years, Charles truly loves the opportunity to create and prepare wonderful dining experiences for the Club Members of *River Landing*. The challenge of keeping the menus interesting and ever changing is one of the things he enjoys the most. Many clubs and restaurants do not allow this opportunity, but Charles is thankful that *River Landing* does, as it keeps his team constantly challenging themselves and staying on the creative side.

Charles and his team (Club Members too) are fortunate and thankful to be able to prepare many “homemade” items such as scrumptious salads, savory dressings, classic sauces, grinding and patting out fresh hamburgers, freshly baked breads, world-renowned desserts and the list just goes on. Many clubs buy many pre-fabricated items, but *River Landing* does not. This is an important attraction for those in the culinary field who want to come to work at *River Landing*. It also gives Charles the opportunity to train and educate those who work for him. The sous chefs, line cooks, prep team and interns are fortunate — and appreciative — that they have the opportunity to work with Chef Charles and absorb the wealth of knowledge he offers them.

No matter what is on the calendar for the day or week — regular dining, banquets, special events, celebrations, wine dinners, cooking classes, holiday galas, and more — Chef Charles is always the most amiable person you will ever meet. And you can be assured he will make every effort possible to see you at the Club often.



**Angel Meza**

With over 13 years as an employee of *River Landing*, Angel does so much for the Golf Course Maintenance Department and staff which is one of the reasons why he is ever so deserving of the Paul Burch Award.

As the Foreman for The Landing Course, Angel is the ‘go to guy’. If a piece of equipment is not working properly, something needs immediate attention or is out of the ordinary, Angel is there. Angel began his career in the Golf Course Maintenance Department and worked his way up to the position of Foreman. With his many years of experience, he can operate every piece of equipment, work on irrigation, and manage a crew of 12 to keep the Landing Course in immaculate condition.

But not only is Angel the Foreman for The Landing Course, he serves as the communication liaison/translator for the Golf Course and Landscape Maintenance Departments. And employees, as well as the managers, in these departments are very dependent on him. In this role, he gives assignments and direction, trains crew members, and conducts safety classes. And he has even been asked to serve as a translator at employee outings and meetings.

Angel was deeply honored to receive this award and expressed how proud he is to be a part of the *River Landing* team.

*“He is one of our most valuable employees and we depend on him every day!”*

— “Peter” Chris Futral, Steve Sprouse, and Chris Humphrey

*September Nominations Due*