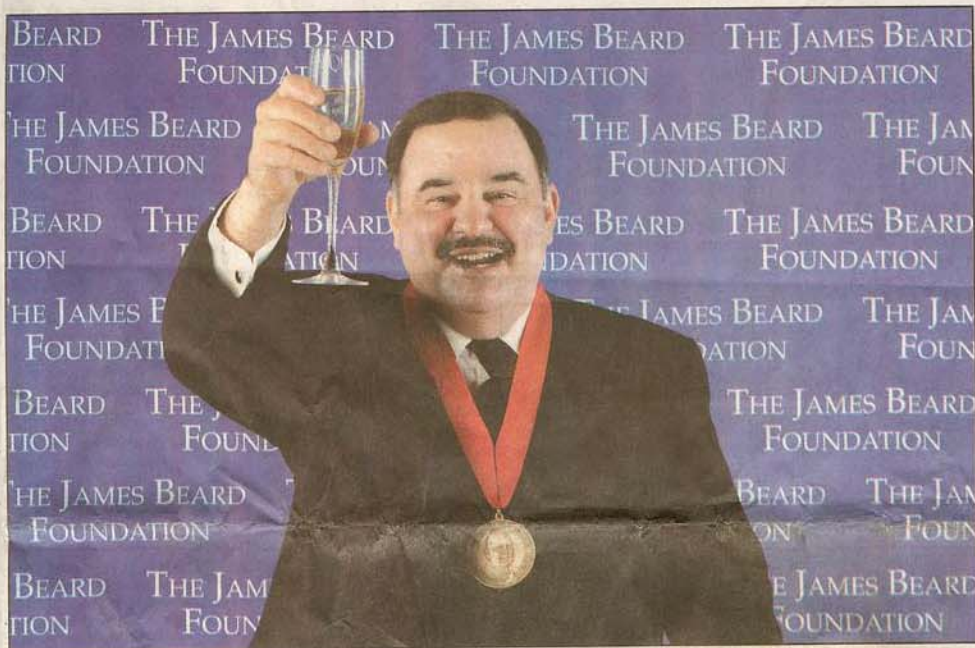


Toast of the town



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Doe Signa Jr. raises his glass of champagne in celebration of his family's 2007 James Beard Foundation Award for Doe's Eat Place in Greenville. The 2007 James Beard Foundation Awards, the premier honors for food and beverage professionals in America, which took place on Monday in New York City. More than 60 awards were to be presented during this two-day celebration, honoring restaurateurs, chefs, book authors, media professionals, restaurant designers and graphic artists. Does Eat Place was one of five special honoree awards presented by the Foundation.

Doe's Eat Place honored by James Beard Foundation

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NEW YORK — Doe's Eat Place was honored Monday as one of five special honoree awards presented by the James Beard Foundation.

Winners were announced at a ceremony held at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall. The awards, now in their 17th year, recognize excellence and achievement in the culinary profession. More than 60 awards were presented, and more than 1,600 industry leaders attended the ceremony, which was followed by a reception dedicated to "Celebrating the Art of American Food," featuring guest chefs from an esteemed group of Rising Star Chef award winners and nominees.

"Tonight's winners represent the best and the brightest in the food world," said Susan Ungaro, president of the Foundation. "Winning a James Beard Foundation award is like taking home an Olympic



John T. Edge of Oxford is pictured with Susan Ungaro, president of the James Beard Foundation. Edge is a 2007 James Beard nominee and is director of the Southern Foodways Alliance, an institute of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi.

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