



Chef Spotlight

"The mad juggling of mathematics, medicine, community service, food and wine is a way of life for this couple — and they wouldn't have it any other way."

Christina Thomas, Orlando Sentinel

Meeting the Pulapakas, the first question is "How do you do it all?" Their schedules defy logic. By day, Chef Hari Pulapaka is a tenured mathematics professor at Stetson University; Dr. Jenneffer Pulapaka is a podiatric surgeon running her own practice. By night, he's a multiyear James Beard Award-nominated chef running the kitchen of one of Zagat's top-rated Central Florida restaurants, where he personally prepares and serves a chef's table multicourse menu.

She is a certified sommelier managing the front of the house and guiding guests through thoughtful, often unusual, wine pairings for his bold flavors. They host cooking demos and wine classes, which loyal customers credit with improving their culinary skills. If that weren't enough, they generously participate in countless charity events, advocate passionately in Washington, D.C., to save kids' school lunches, and contribute to chef-led initiatives towards improving our food system.¹



Dr. and Chef Hari Pulapaka and Dr. and Sommelier Jenneffer Pulapaka of DeLand, Florida

"The Pulapakas' Cress Restaurant is a small business that is leaving an enormous footprint in the culinary history of Southern America and beyond. You will not want to visit just once, for each new meal is a chance to witness an artist and team reaching new levels of excellence."

Jeffrey R., Food Review

"Mathematical discoveries have and continue to change the world. I am now learning that chefs can also change the world through their actions and advocacy."

Chef Hari Pulapaka

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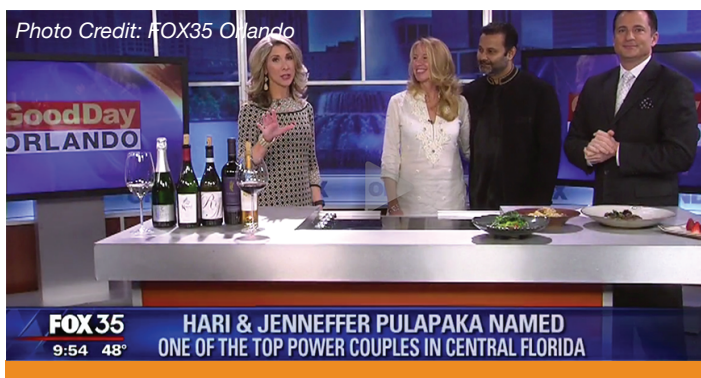
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When: Friday, November 4, 2016 6:30-9:00pm

Where: The OC Fair & Event Center

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¹ Thomas, C. (2016, January 31). Hari and Jenneffer Pulapaka. Retrieved September 20, 2016, from www.orlandosentinel.com/signature-magazine/community/os-osig-hari-and-jenneffer-pulapaka-20160125-story.html