



**CAL-POLY STUDENT CANDICE MOSLEY WINS OAK VIEW GROUP CHEF'S COOK-OFF AT LA COUNTY FAIR, EARNING INTERNSHIP AT ACRISURE ARENA IN GREATER PALM SPRINGS, CA**



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DENVER, CO (May 16, 2024) – [Oak View Group](#) (OVG), the global leader in live experience venue development, management, premium hospitality services, and 360-degree solutions, today announced **Candice Mosley**, a third-year junior at Cal-Poly Pomona, as the winner of its hosted Chef Cook-Off competition at the LA County Fair. Mosley, who competed against other talented students from Cal-Poly Pomona, earned an internship at Southern California's newest world-class venue, [Acrisure Arena](#) in Greater Palm Springs, CA.

Mosely stated, "I'm so excited to have the opportunity to intern at the Acrisure Arena kitchen. I have a passion for food, though I know there is so much to learn. I hope to not only build knowledge from this experience but also build meaningful relationships."

Mosley earned top honors after preparing the winning dish, Southern Barbecue Steak Roulade, and was awarded an internship opportunity with OVG Hospitality's Executive Chef David Harvie at Acrisure Arena's kitchen in Greater Palm Springs, CA. In addition to the internship, Candice received a custom chef coat, apron, and hat. OVG Hospitality's Chef Juan Hurtado and General Manager Bill Cheek, both of Acrisure Arena, and Crowns & Hops' CEO & Co-Founder Beny Ashburn served as judges.

As the official food and beverage provider of the LA County Fair, OVG Hospitality hosted the competition, pairing innovative dishes with the smooth flavors of Crowns & Hops' signature brew, 8 Trill Pils. Crowns & Hops, the prominent Inglewood-based, Black-owned brewing company, was recently added to OVG's companywide Supplier Diversity Program. The partnership is designed to assist Crowns & Hops in showcasing its beverages at select OVG properties.

The OVG Supplier Diversity Program aims to foster economic inclusivity by encouraging the participation of historically overlooked vendors, ensuring a positive impact in the communities where OVG operates. The program champions community empowerment by providing opportunities for underrepresented businesses to thrive and contribute to local economies.

### **ABOUT OAK VIEW GROUP (OVG)**

Oak View Group (OVG) is the global leader in live experience venue development, management, premium hospitality services, and 360-degree solutions for a collection of world-class owned venues and a client roster of arenas, stadiums, convention centers, music festivals, performing arts centers, and cultural institutions. Founded by Tim Leiweke and Irving Azoff in 2015, OVG is the leading developer of major new venues either open or under development across four continents. Visit [OakViewGroup.com](https://OakViewGroup.com), and follow OVG on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [X](#).

### **ABOUT CROWNS & HOPS BREWING CO.**

Crowns & Hops Brewing Co. is the Inglewood based beer brand that ignited a global movement after forming in 2016, paving the way for more Black and Brown faces to enter the beer community, from consumers to entrepreneurs. Black-owned, woman-owned and veteran-owned, Crowns & Hops disrupted the traditional model in the craft beer industry by building a brand that extends beyond beer, garnering attention from the leading national consumer lifestyle media outlets. Using their world class, award winning beer as a vehicle for preserving culture, expanding the palate and building community, founders Beny Ashburn and Teo Hunter have established Crowns & Hops as a leader in the craft beer industry. In 2020, Crowns & Hops launched the 8 Trill Initiative, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting the business development, growth, and sustainability of Black entrepreneurs in and around the craft beer ecosystem. With a focus on achieving racial equity and attaining true representation of the Black community in craft beer, their mission is to achieve 13% Black ownership among breweries in the United States. Crowns & Hops products are available in CA and via online retailers [craftshack.com](https://craftshack.com), [gopuff.com](https://gopuff.com) and [getstocked.com](https://getstocked.com). Learn more at [crownsandhops.com](https://crownsandhops.com) and stay connected via Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and TikTok.

### **ABOUT LA COUNTY FAIR**

The LA County Fair began in 1922 on 43 acres of a beet and barley field. Now 500 acres strong, the Fair is one of the top destinations in Southern California during its run. In 2022, it moved its dates from September to May. The Fair sees more than 750,000 guests annually.

### **ABOUT ACRISURE ARENA**

America's hottest music festival destination finally has the world-class arena it deserves. Opened December 14, 2022, the Acrisure Arena provides the greater Palm Springs area of Southern

California with a premiere 11,000+ capacity venue to host the biggest artists and acts on the planet. Designed specifically for hockey and concerts, the new arena provides top-tier hospitality, artist amenities, and all of the benefits of a modern music and sports venue. In addition, the facility will serve as the new home of the American Hockey League affiliate of the Seattle Kraken, the Coachella Valley Firebirds.

The Acrisure Arena is a \$300+ million project that is being 100% privately funded through outstanding partners Oak View Group, Seattle Kraken, and Live Nation. Learn more at [AcrisureArena.com](http://AcrisureArena.com) and follow Acrisure Arena on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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