

**HOME-GROWN CHEF ENHANCES CUISINE AND AMBIANCE WITH A  
DISTINCTLY MAUI FLAVOR: RYAN LUCKEY JOINS  
THE PINEAPPLE GRILL, KAPALUA AS EXECUTIVE CHEF**

**KAPALUA**, Maui, HI - Raised in Lahaina, Maui, Ryan D. Luckey has worked through the ranks of the culinary profession to become the Executive Chef at Pineapple Grill at Kapalua Resort, the recipient of two "*Best New Restaurant*" awards since it opened in June 2005.

As Executive Chef of Pineapple Grill at Kapalua Resort, Luckey will be responsible for the award-winning Pacific Island Cuisine menu and overseeing the daily operations of the kitchen. He is responsible for lunch and dinner service as well as group functions and the hugely popular lounge and bar dining which has quickly become one of the best ways to experience Pineapple Grill at Kapalua Resort.

With Chef Luckey at the helm, Pineapple Grill at Kapalua will continue to provide Maui residents and visitors with a world-class dining experience - island style. He will facilitate the work of the kitchen with the dining room to ensure service continues to be a priority of the restaurant and he will support the efficient and knowledgeable staff through education and open communication in order to maintain the high quality and presentation expected by the patrons of Maui that make Pineapple Grill a true island favorite.

"What I'm most excited about is sharing the wonderful flavors, produce and other ingredients that are grown here on Maui and throughout Hawai'i," says Luckey. "For residents and visitors alike, Pacific Island Cuisine created with only the best and most flavorful ingredients, always makes for a memorable meal."

Chef Ryan also enjoys interacting with restaurant patrons and is often seen at guests' tables, taking story, and sharing his passion for his culinary creations and how it all comes together. He says it's his personal goal to ensure that all guests feel at home in the truest sense of aloha and welcome.

Luckey began his career in the food service industry as a line cook in 1995 and with his talent, passion and drive was promoted in the fine establishments of Jameson's Grill & Bar and The Plantation House Restaurant, before becoming a Sous Chef at The Bay Club, the Sheraton Maui Resort and Tropica at The Westin Maui Resort & Spa. Mentored by seasoned chefs in the top restaurants of Maui's west-side resorts, Luckey mastered the artistry of Pacific Island cuisine. With his hands-on experience and natural talent, Luckey has participated in all of West Maui's major culinary events including the Kapalua Wine & Food Symposium, A Taste of Lahaina and Maui Chefs Presents.

Voted Maui Best New Restaurant by the readers of the **MAUI NEWS** and **MAUI NO KA OI**, Pineapple Grill at Kapalua Resort continues to exceed expectations seven days a week with its lunch and dinner offerings, ambience, and service. Pineapple Grill is located at The Bay Golf Course Clubhouse at Kapalua with

views overlooking the golf greens of The Bay Course, the verdant Pacific Ocean and Mauna Kahalawai. Pineapple Grill is now open daily for continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For reservations, call (808) 669-9600 or for detailed information visit [www.pineapplekapalua.com](http://www.pineapplekapalua.com).

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