

# **Joseph Bartolotta**

**Class of 1977**

**It would come as no surprise if, years beyond this dedication, Joseph Bartolotta reached well beyond the accomplishments detailed herein. He is one of Greater Milwaukee's most prominent and successful restaurateurs. As a young adult, Bartolotta began cooking in New York City's finest restaurants, and a decade later he was running them. In the 1990's he returned to his home state with a wealth of knowledge and an appetite for starting his own restaurant. He opened Ristorante Bartolotta in 1993 on State Street in Wauwatosa. The success of this establishment not only launched Bartolotta's successful run in Greater Milwaukee but ignited a revival of Wauwatosa's Village. In 1995, the budding restaurateur opened Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro. A steakhouse in Brookfield (Mr. B's), a Pizzeria in Tosa, and an exclusive downtown Milwaukee restaurant (Bacchus) followed. The lessons Bartolotta learned while walking these halls are the values of honesty, integrity, and hard work. They are the key ingredients in his recipe for success.**

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