EXPERIENCED HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY PROFESSIONALS JOIN THE PANCHO & JANE TEAM

Nate Andzulis Appointed as Chef de Cuisine; Jonathan "J.J." Ziemke as General Manager

GOLDEN, Colo. – April 25, 2024 – <u>Pancho & Jane</u>, a new taco spot serving Mexican favorites with a rebellious twist coming to Golden, Colorado, in summer 2024, announces Nate Andzulis as chef de cuisine and Jonathan "J.J." Ziemke as general manager.

"We're excited to welcome Nate and J.J. to our Pancho & Jane team," says Ben Shapiro, director of food and beverage. "Both Nate and J.J. bring considerable skills and experience to their roles; with their leadership and contagious energy, they will significantly contribute to a successful opening and establish a strong connection for Pancho & Jane among the Golden community and its visitors."

With nearly a decade in the culinary industry, Andzulis is a talented and creative professional bringing his passion for the culinary scene to his role as chef de cuisine at Pancho & Jane. Born and raised in Minnesota, Andzulis embarked on his culinary journey, eventually finding his way to the dynamic food scene of Colorado. Since 2015, Andzulis has been developing skills in various restaurant roles, steadily climbing the ranks from front of house to back of house, where he discovered his enthusiasm for preparing flavorful and creative dishes. His culinary talents reached new heights when he secured the prestigious title of Judge's Choice at Denver's 2023 Top Taco festival while he was chef de cuisine at The Eddy Taproom & Hotel — a testament to his creative flair and dedication to the craft. At the heart of Andzulis' culinary philosophy is a genuine love for food, evident in every dish he meticulously crafts. As chef de cuisine at Pancho & Jane, Andzulis will infuse his Midwest roots and Colorado influences into every creation, delivering dishes bursting with flavor and creativity.

Outside of the kitchen, Andzulis finds inspiration and relaxation in activities like disc golf, fishing excursions and delving into the immersive world of video games. His loyal feline companion, Mew, is often by his side offering companionship during his at-home culinary experiments.

Ziemke brings a wealth of expertise to his role as general manager. With over a decade of experience in various management positions, Ziemke increased his skills in customer service, operational efficiency and team leadership while developing a deep understanding of formulating successful restaurant operations. Ziemke's background in the hospitality industry began as a bartender, which progressed into bar and general manager roles. In his most recent positions at Coors Silver Bullet Bar and The Ginn Mill in Denver, Ziemke distinguished himself through strategic acumen and commitment to excellence. From optimizing inventory management to fostering strong vendor relationships and exceeding revenue targets, he consistently elevated the establishments under his stewardship. Ziemke's proactive approach to problem-solving, coupled with his ability to balance financial pragmatism with a customer-centric focus, has solidified his reputation as a trusted leader in the industry.

At Pancho & Jane, with his diverse skill set and dedication to fostering a positive work culture, along with a visionary leadership style and meticulous attention to detail, Ziemke will set the stage for a bright and prosperous future. Under his guidance, Pancho & Jane is poised to deliver exceptional dining experiences and cement its reputation as a cornerstone of Golden's culinary scene.

Pancho & Jane will serve scratch-made tacos, family-style sides, cocktails, extensive lists of bourbon, tequila and more. Located at 16500 S. Golden Rd. – a quick 10-minute drive from downtown Golden, just outside of the city's main street and on the growing S. Golden Road corridor – Pancho & Jane will be a down-to-earth neighborhood joint that is both community-driven and a welcoming host to catch a game,

grab a bite after a bike ride through Golden or savor post-work margaritas. Open from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays through Sundays, Pancho & Jane will serve dinner nightly with lunch soon to follow.

For more information, visit <u>panchoandjane.com</u>.

About Pancho & Jane

The team behind The Eddy Taproom & Hotel will bring Pancho & Jane to Golden, Colorado, in May 2024. The brandnew taco spot serves Mexican favorites with a rebellious twist, including a creative menu of scratch-made tacos, family-style sides, cocktails, extensive lists of bourbon and tequila and more. Set amongst a vibrant atmosphere – both in colorful design and dynamic energy – Pancho & Jane evokes the distinct outlaw spirit of its namesakes. The down-to-earth neighborhood joint is both community-driven and a welcoming host to catch a game, grab a bite after a bike ride through Golden or savor post-work margaritas. Dinner is served nightly – lunch soon to follow – with both indoor and outdoor seating, including a dog-friendly patio, plus a to-go window with street access for menu favorites on the run. For more information, visit panchoandjane.com and follow @panchoandjane on Instagram.