

Bill Kim

Award-winning Chef Bill Kim is the culinary force behind Cornerstone's Urbanbelly restaurant brand in Chicago and The Table at Crate in Oak Brook, Illinois, a collaboration between Crate and Barrel and Cornerstone Restaurant Group that opened in 2019—the global retailer's first full-service restaurant. Born in Seoul and raised in Chicago, Bill graduated from both Triton and Kendall Colleges and immersed himself early in his career alongside such renowned chefs as Charlie Trotter, David Bouley and Jean Banchet. He set off the wave of fine-dining chefs branching into creative casual fare with the 2008 opening of Urbanbelly, where his soulful, border-blurring approach to cooking is on full display. In 2018, Bill released his first cookbook, "Korean BBQ: Master Your Grill in Seven Sauces," which earned a finalist nomination for a prestigious James Beard Award.

- Urbanbelly (Wicker Park, TimeOut Market Chicago, Williamsburg Market Brooklyn)
- Chefsgiving: 2022 marks the 7th annual Chefsgiving, a partnership I created with [Inspiration Kitchens](#) to feed those in need during the holiday season.
- On-Going Community Involvement Projects: [Common Threads](#) | [I Am A Gentleman](#) | [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#)
- 2022 Community Involvement: [Chefs Cook for Puerto Rico](#) | [Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray](#) | [Face the Future](#)

My education at Triton College provided the foundation for my culinary career. From the start, the flexibility in the program was critical – I needed to continue to work during my time at Triton – and the flexibility allowed me to build my practical experience in tandem. To this day, having flexibility in my schedule allows me to pursue passion projects like writing a cookbook, developing community programs, and growing our restaurant portfolio. Without the education at Triton College, I certainly would not have had the strong foundation to build my career from.

- James Beard Award Committee Started in 2021-2022 (2 year commitment)
- Bib Gourmand Award
- Travel + Leisure Named Urbanbelly: 50 Best New Restaurants in America 2009