

## VALLEY VIEW CASINO & HOTEL PROMOTES CHEFS TO EXECUTIVE LEVELS

**VALLEY CENTER, CA** – FEBRUARY 2, 2017 – The award-winning Food & Beverage team at San Diego’s Favorite Casino, Valley View Casino & Hotel has promoted two of their finest chefs to well-deserved titles of Executive Chef and Assistant Executive Chef. The two chefs will continue to lead the culinary team at Valley View through their passion and desire to create incredible dining experiences for the casino’s guests.

Executive Chef Michael Knowles began at Valley View in 2012 as the Black&Blue Steakhouse Chef. Through his leadership and vast culinary knowledge, Knowles has been instrumental in the restaurant’s growth and success, developing and creating several new concepts, recreating menus and offering the finest, freshest ingredients in every dish.

Through Chef Michael’s expertise, Black&Blue has been recognized often and received many awards over the years for being the best steakhouse in San Diego. His culinary experience includes working with famed chef and restaurateur Wolfgang Puck in Las Vegas at renowned restaurants Spago and Postrio.

“Being a chef means being a leader, a cook, a mentor and a coach. To me, cooking is a craft, plating is an art, and all require an exceptional level of creativity and attention to detail that I am proud to express at Valley View Casino & Hotel,” said Chef Michael.

Assistant Executive Chef, Gabriel Rodriguez has been the driving force behind Valley View Casino & Hotel’s food program in their award-winning Buffet. Chef Gabriel began his culinary journey at Black&Blue Steakhouse in 2008, coming from the Fairmont Grand Del Mar. It has been with excellent dedication, superior creativity and a dedicated work ethic that Chef Gabriel has been so successful in the Food & Beverage department at Valley View Casino & Hotel.

“One of the many reasons cooking is so rewarding to me is because I get to share my craft with so many guests here at San Diego’s Favorite Casino. The possibilities are endless when it comes to flavor combinations. I love to combine different elements to make many of our recipes unique.” said Chef Gabriel.

Whether guests are looking to indulge in a five-course meal, or enjoy California’s finest Buffet or just a quick bite before going back to the casino floor, Valley View offers many delectable dining options to satisfy every craving. With six award-winning restaurants, the casino has gained recognition as an exceptional dining destination for Southern California locals and visitors alike.

“Chef Michael and Chef Gabe earned these two Executive promotions by proving time and time again how much they enjoy making our guests smile when dining in our restaurants, while also showing us all how much they respect their teammates through their passion for making those teammates better culinarians, which they have done,” said Valley View Casino & Hotel’s Vice President of Food & Beverage Howard Silver. “Their skills as proven chefs are without question and their skills as culinary leaders are first class in every regard. Our entire Food & Beverage team and everyone in our company is thrilled to see Chef Michael and Chef Gabe earn this well-deserved recognition.”

Valley View Casino & Hotel is located in Valley Center, just east of Escondido and south of Temecula. For more information, please visit [ValleyViewCasino.com](http://ValleyViewCasino.com). All guests 21 and older are invited to enjoy the casino, hotel and restaurants.

### **About Valley View Casino & Hotel**

Valley View Casino & Hotel, Southern California's premier gaming destination, combines the thrill of San Diego's only Certified Loose slots and all of your favorite table games with beautifully appointed hotel rooms, six outstanding restaurants and unparalleled guest service. The casino features 2,000 Certified Loose slot machines and exciting table games including blackjack, roulette, pai gow poker and more, as well as the most rewarding Players Club around.

Guests can enjoy the spacious Main Casino, a large and private High Limit Slot Area, an innovative slot tournament area, additional amenities and more. For gamers that prefer a non-smoking experience, the separate Non-Smoking Casino features a state-of-the-art air filtration system and over 500 Certified Loose slot machines to choose from, a separate Players Club, the casino's Promotions Area, a new tournament area and more, all in a completely smoke-free environment.

Exceptional dining options at Valley View Casino & Hotel include the iconic Maine Lobster Buffet; the award-winning Black&Blue Steakhouse and Lounge featuring a spectacular 3,300-gallon saltwater aquarium for guests to admire; BLD's Café; Sweets pastry, coffee and sandwich shop; Stix Asian noodle bar; and Snax 24-hour snack shop.

With three bars, including the new Video Poker Bar, and free entertainment nightly, there's always something going on at Valley View Casino & Hotel. To extend your fun, the luxury boutique hotel features 12 Luxury Suites (1,000 sq. ft.) and 96 Deluxe Rooms (500 sq. ft.), all with breathtaking views of the Palomar mountain range along with free internet, free valet service and a complimentary VIP breakfast.

Plus, the casino known around Southern California as San Diego's Favorite® does not charge any resort fees or parking charges, making it a true Vegas experience at a great value. All guests 21 and over are invited to enjoy the casino, hotel and restaurants. Valley View Casino & Hotel is located just 15 miles northeast of Westfield North County Mall, just east of Escondido and south of Temecula. For more information about Valley View Casino & Hotel or to book a reservation, please visit [ValleyViewCasino.com](http://ValleyViewCasino.com) or call 760-291-5500.