

## Return of Hospitality Hires

April 2022 saw the return of Hospitality Hires Chicago (HHC), the in-person hiring event that focuses on the hospitality industry. The Partnership partnered with Choose Chicago, The Magnificent Mile Association, Illinois Restaurant Association, Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association, Chicago Loop Alliance, Near South Planning Board, World Business Chicago, and Cook County to host the 5th annual event, at Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel. It included 60 employers with open positions, ready to interview and hire the region’s diverse, work-ready, skilled job seeker; 376 Job Seekers pre-registered and 134 attended the event. Nearly 40% of attendees reported having a graduate degree or higher and more than 20% reported having a bachelor’s degree. 74% of the job seekers moved forward, meaning they received a second interview or conditional offer.



Since its inception, HHC has helped approximately 900 people obtain employment and /or conditional job offers. HHC includes employers from Chicago-area hospitality, tourism, food services, retail, and related sectors who are committed to hiring hundreds of job seekers. Open positions include well-paid, full-time, career-pathway opportunities with benefits and compensation perks (signing and retention bonuses).

“ I’m very thankful for all the people that put this event together. Thank you! ”

– Job Seeker