

Headline: Celebrate your grad at one of these top capital region restaurants

Print Headline: Degrees and delicacies: Where to Celebrate Your Grad

Subhead: From sophisticated waterfront seafood to vibrant French brasseries, here is where to toast to the Class of 2026 across the DMV.

Seo Title: Toast your grad at one of these DMV restaurants

Meta Description: Planning a graduation dinner? Explore our curated list of the best restaurants in the DMV to celebrate this milestone, featuring top-rated spots like Fiola Mare and Le Diplomate.

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Tossing the graduation cap is just the beginning; now, the best part. It's time to sit down for a celebratory meal with the people who helped you get there! The capital region is packed with spots to make that milestone feel truly special.

We've rounded up the top restaurants across DC, Maryland and Virginia that offer the perfect blend of incredible food and celebratory energy. Grab a reservation and get ready to toast to your next big chapter.

Key takeaways:

- **The big picture:** Graduation season is one of the busiest times for local dining. High-demand spots, especially those with private dining rooms or terrace seating, often require reservations weeks or even months in advance.
- **The details:** Many top-tier restaurants now offer a mix of high-end tasting menus for a formal celebration and accessible à la carte options, making it easier to host a large family group with varying tastes.
- **The more you know:** Whether you want the sophisticated, "splurge-worthy" waterfront views of Fiola Mare or the high-energy, bustling French bistro vibe at Le Diplomate, the DMV offers diverse settings to match your graduate's personality.

WASHINGTON, DC

[Fiola Mare](#)

- Fiola Mare is the premier waterfront dining destination, located on the Georgetown Waterfront. It is a sophisticated Italian seafood restaurant that blends elegance with fun, vibrant energy. Private rooms are available to rent.

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- **Address:** 1601 14th St NW, Washington, DC
- **Hours:** 11:30 a.m.- 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.- 12 a.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m.-12 a.m. Saturday; 9:30 a.m.- 11 p.m. Sunday
- **Phone:** (202) 332-3333

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- **Address:** 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD
- **Hours:** Show times vary by date
- **Phone:** (443) 755-0011

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Succotash

- This restaurant is located in National Harbor, which is walkable and has beautiful waterfront views for after dinner. Succotash is known for blending Southern cuisine with Korean flavors, offering dishes including shrimp 'n grits, dirty fried chicken and more. There are several private and semi-private event spaces available to rent.

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The Prime Rib

- **Address:** 1101 N Calvert St., Baltimore, MD
- **Hours:** Closed Monday; 5-9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday
- **Phone:** (410) 539-1804

This steakhouse features professional tuxedoed waiters, skilled chefs and bartenders, and talented musicians to make your grad feel special. It’s known for its top-tier steaks and old-school service that truly feels like a celebration. Both private and semi-private rooms are available to rent.

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VIRGINIA

2941 Restaurant

- **Address:** 2941 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA
- **Hours:** 5-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 5-9 p.m. Friday; 4-9 p.m. Saturday
- **Phone:** (703) 270-1500

2941 Restaurant features upscale American cuisine and stunning lake views, perfect for photos. Each dish is created with attention to flavor, balance and presentation. The menu celebrates seasonal ingredients

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- **Address:** 7134 Main St., Clifton, VA
- **Hours:** Noon-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday
- **Phone:** (703) 266-1623

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- **Address:** 106 S Union St., Old Town Alexandria, VA
- **Hours:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday
- **Phone:** (571) 970-3669

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