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## CALIENTE PIZZA & DRAFT HOUSE

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# PRESS RELEASE

Caliente Pizza regional chef wins Best Pan Pizza in the World at international pizza expo

*Chef Eric Von Hansen's "Quack Attack" pan pizza takes top prize in Vegas*

**Las Vegas, March 10, 2016:** Caliente Pizza and Draft House, with two locations at 4624 Liberty Ave in Bloomfield and 4706 William Flynn Hwy in Allison Park, and its regional chef Eric Von Hansen won top prize recently at an international pizza expo held in Las Vegas.

Von Hansen's creation "Quack Attack" was awarded First Place: Pan Pizza Division and a \$4,000 prize by judges during the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual International Pizza Expo held in Las Vegas March 7 – 10. Judges favored the pie over 30 other entries from around the world.

"[The pizza] was inspired by the days when I was young and coming up through the ranks learning French fine dining cuisine," Von Hansen said. "I wanted to take that knowledge and put that onto a pizza and bring the memory's back."

Von Hansen's pizza featured pan seared duck breast, roasted garlic butter, wild mushroom ragu, and it was topped with a mix of fontinella and parmesan reggiano cheese, baby arugula, tear drop tomatoes and a truffle garlic oil.

Caliente Pizza and Draft House opened in the Bloomfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh in September 2012. Owner's Nick & Angie Bogacz have since expanded to Allison Park and they plan to open a third location in Mount Lebanon (Spring 2016).

"From the moment the judges saw the pizza, the look on their faces said it all," Nick Bogacz said. "They were wowed. I could not be any more proud of our team and the company we are becoming."

About Caliente

Caliente Pizza and Draft House is Pittsburgh's premier spot for award winning pizza and wings. Caliente is proud to support the craft beer revolution in Pittsburgh and features local and hard to find beer from around the world. Caliente prides itself on using fresh and locally sourced ingredients "Fresh From Pittsburgh's Little Italy." Caliente's pizza dough and sauce is prepared daily from scratch. All meats and

vegetables are hand-sliced. More information about Caliente Pizza and Drafft House can be found by visiting [PizzaDrafftHouse.com](http://PizzaDrafftHouse.com).

About the 2016 International Pizza Expo

The expo started in 1985 and has grown to welcome more nearly 7,000 attendees representing nearly 500 companies from around the world. Features business-to-business trade show that puts buyers who are owners and managers of independent and chain pizza restaurants in touch with manufacturers and service providers to the industry. Annual competitions at Pizza Expo include: International Pizza Challenge (bake-offs before judges in five divisions, with Pizza Maker of the Year finals); World Pizza Games (skills competition in five divisions).

Approximately 90 keynote addresses, seminars, panel discussions and pizzeria menu demonstrations take place during the event. More information: [PizzaExpo.com](http://PizzaExpo.com).

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