

Chef David Ruiz is the Executive Chef of Pueblo Harvest Cafe at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. He has worked in award-winning restaurants in Aspen, Colorado; San Jose, California; Yosemite, California; and Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was inspired to be a chef by summers he spent on his grandmother's farm in Northern California, where he helped her tend the farm and cook everything from homemade tortillas to duck confit. As a chef today, he promotes food education and strives to teach people about the connection between food and farming. Ruiz has won Albuquerque's Sustainable Seafood Competition and Salad Mixer Competition and was nominated for New Mexico Chef of the Year by the New Mexico Restaurant Association. He is also the founder of 505 Food Fights, a grassroots chef competition that fosters community in Albuquerque's culinary industry.