

# LOCAL FOOD CONFERENCE

Presented by



**March 5-7, 2021**

The 11th annual Local Food Conference presented by Feast Down East brings together multiple community partners who are involved in supporting and growing the local food system in southeastern North Carolina, including farmers and fishermen, food retailers, chefs and food entrepreneurs, food advocates, food system organizers, and community leaders. The purpose of the conference is to strengthen the activities of these groups and to strengthen and build relationships. The event includes conference panels, workshops, a keynote speaker, and a networking opportunity. Our keynote speaker for this year will be chef, restaurateur, author, and NC native [Vivian Howard](#). This virtual event will take place on Friday, March 5th 2021 through Sunday, March 7th 2021.

This year's conference will include workshop topics focusing on racial equity as it applies to food access in NC, mobile farmers markets, reframing restaurants in the time of COVID-19, connecting chefs and farmers, experts on community-supported agriculture boxes, and more. In the past, the conference has had an attendance of over 300 people, making it our largest annual event of the year.

This year, we are offering our attendees the option to receive a "Conference in a Box" for an additional ticket price. We would like the box to include items from our sponsors as a way for attendees to interact with our sponsors. Ideas include, but are not limited to, gift cards, merchandise, and exclusive offers. Please let us know if you are interested in contributing to the box and what you would like to include.

Feast Down East relies on sponsorships and public support to make the conference possible each year. In 2020, we had over fifteen sponsors whose generosity helped to cover expenses of meeting space rental, parking, marketing and materials. Although this year's conference is virtual, our expenses include [Sched](#) (our virtual platform); marketing, conference planner and staff time, "Conference in a Box" items, and a food box. Sponsors receive recognition that helps promote their business or organization, as well as their strong commitment to our local food economy. Registration includes full conference access and the opportunity for attendees to interact with sponsors on Sched.

**Thank you!**

**Premiere** - \$2,000

Includes:

- 6 conference registrations
- Individual recognition on our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram)
- Listing on Sched and Feast Down East website
- Personal recognition by our Executive Director, Cara Stretch, in a pre-recorded welcome speech

**Platinum** - \$1,500

Includes:

- 5 conference registrations
- Listing on Sched and Feast Down East website
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**Gold** - \$1,000

Includes:

- 4 conference registrations
- Listing on Sched and Feast Down East website
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**Silver** - \$500

Includes:

- 3 conference registrations
- Listing on Sched and Feast Down East website

**Bronze** - \$250

Includes:

- 2 conference registrations
- Listing on Sched and Feast Down East website

To submit your conference sponsorship, first make a check payable to “Feast Down East” and mail it to Feast Down East, P.O. Box 55, Burgaw, NC 28425. Please submit your sponsorship by Friday, January 29th. Then, send the following information to Colleen Worrell at [colleen@feastdowneast.org](mailto:colleen@feastdowneast.org) to be added to Sched:

- Email
- Website
- Location
- A short bio
- JPEG of your business’ logo

Additionally, If you would like to contribute to the “Conference in a Box”, please let us know by Friday, January 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Cara Stretch at [cara@feastdowneast.org](mailto:cara@feastdowneast.org).