Nick Wallace Culinary, the winner of the Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), is a thriving culinary enterprise located in Jackson, MS. The restaurant has two locations and offers an array of southern cuisine, including fried chicken, collard greens, and sweet potatoes. Additionally, Nick Wallace Culinary provides catering and private dining services.

Like many other small businesses, Nick Wallace Culinary faced significant challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the Mississippi Small Business Development Center was able to provide critical assistance for Nick Wallace’s operation. With the Mississippi SBDC’s help, he obtained Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) through Hope Credit Union, enabling the business to stay afloat during the pandemic.

The SBA Small Business Person of the Year award recognizes small businesses that have demonstrated outstanding performance and contributed significantly to their local community. Nick Wallace and his culinary enterprise have been lauded for their entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, and community involvement. The award is a testament to Nick Wallace's resilience and determination, as well as the importance of small business support programs like the Mississippi SBDC.

Nick Wallace Culinary’s success is a result of the hard work, determination, and community support. With two locations, catering and private dining services, the business has become a cornerstone of the local culinary scene. As we continue to recover from the pandemic, we must remember the critical role that small businesses play in our economy and continue to support them in any way we can.