



Andy Montero

Chef

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Education

- Associates Degree in Culinary Arts: Johnson & Wales University, 1999

Honors

- Co-Creator of the SAFE Schools Fund
- Awarded 2013 Small Business of the Year award for Montero's Restaurant
- Awarded 2007 & 2016 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year for Montero's Restaurant
- 2012-2016 Elizabeth City Schools "Business Partner of the Year Award" and "Volunteer of the Year Award"
- 2011 Elizabeth City Pasquotank Schools "Volunteer of the Year Award"
- 2009 Elizabeth City Pasquotank Schools "Meritorious Award"

Summary

Chef Andy Montero has over 30 years of combined culinary experience with a dedication to public school safety and nutrition programs, offering training and education for students and staff.

Professional Experience

Culinary Solutions Centers, LLC

June 2015 – Present

- Culinary educator providing culinary skills training to school nutrition professionals in quantity food production, including presentation, efficiency, quality and consistency, food safety, adherence to standardized recipes, and culinary techniques.
- Skilled in quantity, standardized recipe development for use in school meal programs. Notable projects include the NC K-12 Culinary Institute, Nasoya®, Starkist®, and various local districts.
- Leader in conducting on-site kitchen operational evaluations aimed at streamlining and optimizing school meal programs.

Montero's Restaurant

November 2015 – Present

- Manage both FOH and BOH staff in a 350+ seat facility with sales of \$1.5 million.
- Organize and execute on and off-premises catering for groups up to 1,000.

Previous Professional Experience

- Adjunct Instructor, Culinary Institute of Virginia, Norfolk, Va. (1 yr)
- Chef Instructor, Johnson & Wales University, Norfolk, Va. (4 yrs)
- Sous Chef, Cypress Point Country Club, Virginia Beach, Va. (1 yr)
- Apprentice, Da I Frasca Sull' Ambra, Montevarchi, Italy, (1 yr)

Community Involvement

- Member, Knights of Columbus, 2011–present, Elizabeth City, NC
- Member, Paul Harris Fellow, Elizabeth City Morning Rotary, 2013–present, Elizabeth City, NC
- President (2021), Board of Directors, Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County Public Schools Education Foundation, 2019–present, Elizabeth City, NC
- Board of Directors, 2013–2017, Albemarle Hospital Foundation, Elizabeth City, NC
- Board of Directors, Food Bank of the Albemarle, 2000–2007, Elizabeth City, NC
- Board of Directors, Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, 2001–2003, Elizabeth City, NC