

T.J. Delle Donne (US)

Johnson & Wales University

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Delle Donne cultivated his zeal for the culinary arts growing up in the Little Italy section of Wilmington, Delaware. At the young age of 14, "T.J." went under the wing of Chef Daniel Dogan, executive chef of one of the top kitchens worldwide.

Determined to make a career out of his passion, he enrolled at Johnson & Wales University, College of Culinary Arts, in Providence Campus. As a student, he obtained professional experience through his internship with award-winning Chef Douglas Rodriquez, a visionary who is credited as the father of Nuevo Latino cuisine, in Philadelphia. In the summer of 2014, T.J. was invited to the famed James Beard house in New York City. In the same summer, T.J. was invited to execute a dinner for United States President George H.W. Bush's 90th birthday.

With an extensive training and education range, Delle Donne was awarded Best Young Chef in the Northeast region by the Chaîne des Rotisseurs, where he now sits on the board as Conseiller Culinaire. Nowadays, T.J. is an Associate Instructor at Johnson & Wales University. He was also guest chef at EFTH in 2010, and is also a frequent contributor to specialized magazines. T.J. is a Certified Executive Chef through the American Culinary Federation.