Biography, Ron Brown

Ron Brown is an Executive Chef and Restaurant Developer that has executed various roles in his career to both share his cooking talents and promote trends in the food industry. He specializes in regional American cuisine with a niche focus on seafood and barbecue. He is currently a guest chef for WCNC Charlotte and a representative of Foothills Connect Business and Technology Center of Rutherfordton, North Carolina for the "Farmers Fresh Market" program.

Brown has been a professional chef for over twenty years. His career in the culinary field began in 1986 as an entry-level chef at Hemenway's in Providence, RI. Within two years there, Brown mastered running high-end culinary operation and became practiced at the art of running a five million-dollar per year seafood venue. He then served as executive chef at various restaurant locations nationwide including: California Pizza Kitchen in Los Angeles, Wildflower of Fox Restaurant Concepts in Tucson, Red Rocks Cafés in North Carolina, and Thunder Canyon Brewery in Tucson.

Brown also executes other professional roles to help advance the food and beverage industry. He helped develop the Metropolitan Restaurant Group, Tucson's largest restaurant group, through menu research and development, and cost control analysis. He also served as an operating partner at Coffee Safari for three years. Between 2001 and 2007, he was in charge of the banquet and catering department for the Sunset Club, one of Charlotte's most exclusive private clubs. Brown also helps to support gastroeconomic trends of farming through both the Farmers Fresh Market and the American Culinary Federation. He is also an ardent advocate of advancing the food industry through continuing education, for which he teaches vocational skills as a chef mentor.

Brown graduated from Johnson and Wales University in 1989 with degrees in Hotel Food and Beverage Management and Hotel Restaurant Institutional Management. Originally from South Jersey, he currently resides in Fort Mill, SC with his wife and four children. He enjoys sports, the outdoors, and traveling.

Brown is currently seeking opportunities to showcase his culinary expertise through media outlets as a skilled chef and food editor. For more information about him, visit http://www.linkedin.com/pub/ron-brown-ronald-brown/17/bbb/783. Follow him on Twitter @digitalchefron.