

# CRFP Spotlight

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Congratulations to our CRFP,

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Working with great people who deliver genuine hospitality.

What other companies have you worked for prior to your current position?

General contractors operating in multiple market segments.

When you were new to the industry, what was the most surprising thing you learned about the restaurant world?

How fast-paced the kitchen is at the height of a lunch/ dinner service. In a sense, it is controlled chaos. I gained a greater appreciation for the chefs calling the shots. It also made me realize how critical it is to have every piece of equipment fully functional, including the HVAC systems.

What is your all-time favorite movie?

Anything with Chris Farley and/or David Spade. I love them all: "Tommy Boy," "Black Sheep," "Joe Dirt," etc.

What is the most challenging situation you've ever faced in a facility or on the job? How did you handle it?

We experienced a water leak in a common wall with an adjacent tenant. Eventually the water started going under the wall, and things escalated from there. We ended up removing a wall in our mechanical room, two of four walls in a walk-in beer cooler, floor tile, waterproofing, concrete, etc. It was a logistical nightmare trying to keep the restaurant open, the keg beer cold and the neighbor calm. The leak was repaired and everything was restored to normal, but it was no small feat.

What is your favorite work-related app?

Airline, hotel and rental car apps. Uber is a big one too. They are a must when traveling the country.

What is the best advice you ever received?

Strive to be better today than you were yesterday, and better tomorrow than you are today.

Who is the most impressive person you have ever met?

My high school wrestling coach. He taught me so many life lessons: Never giving up, hard work pays off, respect myself and others—the list goes on. I am who I am today because of him.

To what would you attribute your success in achieving your CRFP?

The confidence my team has in me to make our restaurant company an extraordinary one. We all want to be raving fans of each other. For me, achieving the CRFP was one step closer to making some raving fans while honing my skills in facility management.

Would you recommend attaining a CRFP to other colleagues? Why?

Yes. The benefits of the knowledge gained and the community support are phenomenal. To be part of an organization that's 100 percent committed to the restaurant industry is priceless.

What do you do for fun in your spare time?

Anything and everything with the family. Also, I love the outdoors so anything outside the four walls of the house is fine by me. If the weather is bad, I've been known to play a video game or two. I grew up in the Atari/Sega/Nintendo era so it's been close to my heart since I was very young.