

Chesapeake Conference Center Food and Beverage Director Has a True Passion for Cooking



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Kenneth "Ken" Thomas Brown started his career in the Hospitality Industry over 25 years ago. In 1977, at the age of sixteen, Ken began his career as a busboy at Salvucci's, located in upstate New York. This family-owned Italian restaurant was an institution among local patrons and served tourists from New York City who visited year round.

After a few months as a bus boy, Ken accepted a position as Pastry Chef without even realizing that he was beginning his career as a Chef. He discovered that he not only liked cooking, but he had true passion for this trade. Ken continued to work his way around the kitchen at

Salvucci's, received several promotions and was ultimately named Executive Chef. While working at Salvucci's Ken attended the Culinary Institute of America.

Ken accepted a one year externship at the Four Seasons Inn on The Park in London, England before graduating. After graduation in 1989, Ken moved to Virginia and was employed as a specialty Sous Chef at Kingsmill on The James. He perfected his ice carving skills there, creating 6' by 6' ice sculptures of the Anheuser Bush Eagle for golfing events. He then opened Kiln Creek Golf and Country Club as Executive Chef in 1994, Ken and several colleagues were awarded the bid to operate the restaurant and catering facilities at Deer Run Golf Course in Newport News and later awarded the opportunity in the City of Portsmouth. In 2003, Ken partnered with a colleague to operate Austin Creek Grille, a fine dining restaurant at the tip of Cape Hatteras.

In April 2006, Ken accepted the position of Food and Beverage Director at the Chesapeake Conference Center. He brings passion, drive and dedication to the Hospitality Industry to the City of Chesapeake.

In his spare time, Ken enjoys spending time with his family including his daughter, Kaeley. He also enjoys cooking, fishing and working in the outdoors.