

JEROME PICCA

Instructor

Chef Jerome began his culinary journey at the age of fifteen when he started an apprenticeship at a hotel in Pennsylvania. Jerome is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and has previously held the Executive Chef positions at Sebastian's Catering at The World Trade Center, The International Golf Club, Harvard University, and City Fresh Foods in Boston. Chef Picca was an instructor at The Culinary School of Washington, D.C., developer for the Culinary Arts Focus Program for EXPLO at Wellesley College, student cooking classes at Harvard University, and an online interactive culinary class for the Brookline school system.

Chef Jerome started his first business, The Seasoned Chef, at the age of 27 as a catering company that eventually grew to include five restaurants. Jerome met his wife during this time and sold The Seasoned Chef after 11 years in business. Jerome and his wife opened Small Plates Restaurant, Tapas, & Wine Bar in Harvard Square, and later the plant-based eatery Mighty Love Food in downtown Boston. Chef Jerome has made appearances on The Food Network, TV Diner, NECN with Billy Costa, Chronicle, & WBBN Boston.

Chef Picca earned his CCP certification in 1990 and has won several awards in ACF & IACP culinary competitions. Chef Jerome has had articles, recipes, and reviews in The Times Picayune, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Boston Globe, The Boston Herald, Where Magazine, The Tab, The Boston Phoenix, Citi Living, The Harvard Crimson, Edible Vermont, The Christian Science Monitor, The Concord Journal, and is an honorary member of The Leadership Institute of Harvard College.

Chef Jerome enjoys preparing farm-forward meals that are healthy, clean, and delicious. Jerome loves teaching and can talk for hours about the science, chemistry, physics of cooking and food nutrition. In this capacity, Chef Jerome shares his culinary philosophy, knowledge, and experiences with students at The Cambridge School of Culinary Arts and as a Culinary Specialist for the N.E. Patriots at Gillette Stadium.

