

Executive Chef Jeff Hornsby

Do you know Hank Aaron's favorite food? Executive Chef Jeff Hornsby sure does. In addition to cooking for Aaron, he has also cooked for President Jimmy Carter, Sean Combs, also known as P. Diddy, and televangelist Benny Hinn.

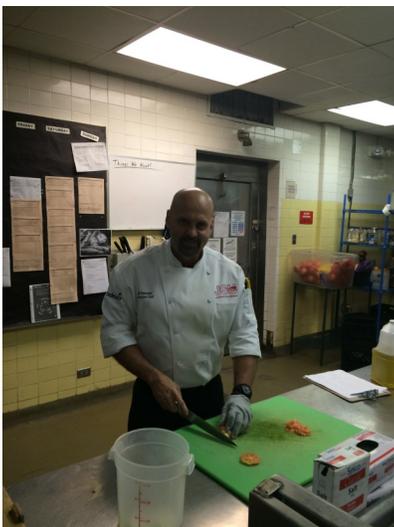
While Chef Hornsby's resume is extensive, cooking was not his original life plan. Born and raised in Geneva, Alabama, Chef Jeff originally attended Auburn University for building sciences. While at the university, he received his start in cooking at one of the local restaurants as a fry cook. However, after what turned out to be a rather fortunate turn of events and a brief stint in the construction industry, he found himself working for Peasant Restaurant Group in Roswell, Georgia. Here, he encountered an opportunity that would change his life.



In return for the agreement to work for Peasant Restaurant Group for one year upon graduation, Chef Jeff was offered the opportunity to attend the Culinary Institute of America. Chef Jeff immediately took the offer and would remain with Peasant Restaurant for eight years after his graduation.

After several years of working with other organizations and even opening his own Café at Word Alive International Outreach, Chef Jeff found himself with the opportunity to move back to his native Alabama from his then current position in Waco, Texas. He has now been with Sodexo for a year and has enjoyed working at Jacksonville State University.

Chef Jeff truly enjoys the art of cooking. He enjoys turning nothing into something beautiful, amazing, and delicious and then serving it to others for their enjoyment. He has discovered his life's passion and believes that he was born to do what he is doing, a lesson we could all find direction in.



When asked about his home life, of course we had to discuss his favorite meal to make when at home. The answer is not surprising when we remember Chef's upbringing in rural Alabama: skillet cornbread and turnip greens. Just the mere mention of those delicacies has anyone's mouth watering.

When he isn't make life more magical with his cooking abilities, he can usually be found outside doing a variety of activities including but not limited to hunting and fishing. Surrounding him, we are likely to find his wife of twelve years, his two boys, and undoubtedly, the famous Sarah Jessica Barker, the family's German Shepard.

The next time you are dining at one of the many JSU locations, keep an eye out for the guy in the white coat. He's the one who is bringing a variety of new choices and flavors to JSU along with a little celebrity. Oh, and Aaron's favorite dish is fried chicken. Just keep that in mind the next time you are enjoying some of that deliciousness in our cafe.