

Chef Rajeev Patgaonkar, CEC, AAC, HGT

Chef Rajeev was born and lived in a city near Kolhapur India, the seat of a Maratha Kingdom. He studied at the (IHMCTAN) Catering College of Bombay (Mumbai) India. Prior to coming to the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center at Michigan State University (MSU) as the Executive Sous Chef, Rajeev had already amassed impressive credentials.

Rajeev's career experiences include working for Hilton Hotel, Saudi Arabia, Oman as well as the Carnival Cruise Lines, the prestigious five star Oberoi Hotel and Ambassador's Sky Chef, Mumbai (Bombay).

He has created many a memorable wedding experience for brides and grooms of the South Asian Indian Community. Described as a 'visionary' chef (Lansing State Journal), he brings to culinary adventurers for Mid-Michigan, flavors and style of exotic places and by-gone times.

Rajeev is Certified Executive Chef; honorary faculty at The School of Hospitality Business, MSU; Culinary instructor for LCC. A member of the American Culinary Federation since 1990, he has been elected to many positions at the local chapter level and was also ACF internal Audit Chair and ACF Chef & Child Foundation's Central Regional Chair.

Chef holds memberships in many industry associations, to include Golden Toque, Les Amis d'Escoffier Society of Florida, L'Ordre Des Canardiens and He serves on advisory boards. He has won numerous local, regional and national awards.

He currently serves as the American Academy of Chefs (AAC) Scholarship Chair. Proud and active member of American Academy of Chefs and American Culinary Federation and Michigan Chefs de Cuisines