



INTRODUCING JOHN KNOTEN

GET TO KNOW THE FRIENDLY FOLKS AT THE OAKS.

JOHN KNOTEN, DIRECTOR OF DINING

Growing up in New Orleans and spending time in the kitchen with family instilled in Chef John Knoten a passion for creating delicious homemade meals. He drew knowledge and inspiration from cooking with his mother, grandmother and aunts before moving on to fast-paced kitchens at different restaurants and organizations around the country. Losing his grandmother shortly after Hurricane Katrina was a catalyst for John to get started in the senior living industry. **“Since my grandma taught me to cook, it’s a full-circle moment that I get to pay homage to her. It almost feels like all the residents are grandparents to me.”**

John has always valued working hard, learning and growing as a chef — noting that he still learns something every day, even after 32 years of cooking professionally. In his position as Director of Dining at The Oaks at Flower Mound, he leads the dining team with an emphasis on exceptional food quality and top-notch hospitality. **“We put our all into every meal and take pride in preparing and plating every meal as if it’s an expensive restaurant.”**

John’s culinary aspirations led him to meet his soon-to-be-wife, Lorraine, who heads up the dining program at a different senior living community. Together they’re creating a cookbook, **“Recipes for Romance and Relationships,”** which shares not only recipes for each course of a meal but also their story as a blueprint on relationship dynamics.

From his monthly Chef Chats to special seasonal celebrations, John relishes the opportunity to spend time getting to know residents, listening to their feedback and creating a high-level dining experience at The Oaks. **“For me, the biggest reward is hearing comments from residents that truly come from the heart. I make it a point to be at work for every major holiday because we are all family — and I’m lucky enough to have 94 people I get to visit on the holidays.”**

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