

## **PROFILE FOR MENTORS**

(Information for the Mentoring Website)

### **Demographic**

1. Name: **Gary R. James**
2. Title/ Department / **Conference Center & Food Service Manager**
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### **Personal**

1. Where did you grow up? **Wilmington, DE**
2. College(s) attended/ or high school  
**Johnson & Wales University (BA in Hotel Restaurant Management)**  
**Wilmington College (pursuing MS in Education Technology)**
3. Majors
4. Best college memories  
**Dining at some of the finest restaurants in New England**  
**College Parties at Providence College & Brown University**  
**Being a Teaching Assistant for the Culinary Arts Internship Program**
5. Favorite quote(s)  
**Mahatma Gandhi: You must be the change you wish to see in the world.**  
**Jim Stovall: You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge**  
**"All that I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson**

***Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined. Thoreau***

## **Hobbies**

I enjoy spending time with my Family & Kids

Traveling

Creating Special Events & Catering

Wine Tasting

Tennis & Working out at the Gym

Bicycling

Favorite movie

**The Color Purple, I'm gonna get you sucker & Love Jones**

Favorite TV shows

**The Sopranos**

**CSI**

**Law & Order – Special Victims Unit**

Music pleasures

**Gospel-Israel, Jazz-Miles Davis, R&B, Reggae, & Bach**

**Born** and raised in Wilmington, Delaware, Gary R. James, a.k.a. ***Chef Semaj***, combines a Bachelor's degree from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI, with extensive travel and hands-on Restaurant/Hospitality experience. ***Semaj*** is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership Management. An unwavering passion for all things culinary underscores his rise.

***Semaj***, with his long-time fondness for good food and intimate entertaining, has worked on development of Franchise Packages for Ebenezer's Café in New Jersey. Currently, ***Semaj*** directs the Food Service & Conference Center Operations for the Wilmington and

Stanton Campuses of Delaware Technical & Community College. *Semaj* is also a spokesperson on Diversity Development and Awareness for the American Cancer Society.

Unendingly talented, *Semaj* sees to it that each dish he creates is a memorable one. “I learned as a student to follow my passion. Do what you love, and the money will follow.”