

ASK & ANSWER

If you were given a 10 million dollar check tomorrow what would you do?

“Pay off debt, help the communities where I’m from and live and then buy a farm and land for my family and friends to live on. “

What is something that most people don’t know about you? what would you do?

“I prefer to eat my ice cream out of a cup. “

What is your favorite style of food to eat, and what draws you to it? Is this also your favorite style to cook or is that different?

“I love Southern food because of my roots. It’s probably one of my favorite styles to cook but I’m extremely open to other cuisines. There isn’t much I won’t eat or try.”

What is one thing you would tell your younger self if given the chance?

“You’ll be alright”

Being that cooking is a form of the arts it really is about creativity as well, what inspires you to come up with new dishes or new plating styles?

“Right now, a lot of what inspires me are recipes from our past. I want to bring more awareness to those dishes and find ways to modernize them while staying true to what they are and what they represent.”

With no specific time frame on either, what is a short term and long term culinary goal of yours at the moment?

“I’d love to apply to a gastronomy program and get my Masters and PhD. Long term, I imagine myself having a small farm to table restaurant.”

If you were not a chef what profession would you choose?

“I’d be a college professor.”

What is your idea of a perfect date?

“Someplace with good food and good drinks. Maybe go to a museum or something interactive like Topgolf.”