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“The restaurant industry gave me a chance when I first moved from Argentina, even though I barely spoke English. There’s something magical about the restaurant industry. There’s so much opportunity: if you like it, if you open up your heart to it, you can do anything.”

**Mirta Gutierrez**

**Executive Chef, Tortilla Coast – Capitol Hill**

*First Industry Position: Dishwasher*



Washington, DC

## THE DISTRICT'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE:

**60,000 Washingtonians** In 2015, restaurants account for 60,000 jobs in the District — 8% of employment in the city.



**1 in 3** Americans begin their working careers in the restaurant industry



**1 in 2** adults have worked in the restaurant industry

