

# #DCWorksHere



“What lessons have I learned from my first restaurant job that have stayed with me throughout my career? Product consistency and quality, commitment, staff appreciation, customer service - the importance of putting that whipped cream perfectly on that Jim Dandy and placing that maraschino cherry in the perfect spot - and loving what you do.”

## Ris Lacoste

Executive Chef and Owner, RIS



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

