



#WhereIStarted

*“I started in dishwashing, but **ProStart** is where my love for the industry took off. My ProStart teacher connected me with a few small town restaurants, and I ended up getting connected with one where I worked for five years! **ProStart** inspired me to pursue my passion of cooking and ended up encouraging me to go to Johnson & Wales where I now teach—and where I was able to teach a ProStart program myself.”*

Austin Vennetti

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ADVICE FOR TEENS INTERESTED IN THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY

Take advantage of the ProStart instructors and mentors — and everyone you work with. Learn from everyone. I’ve found that everyone knows something you don’t, and you will only discover more by asking questions. That’s how you get a full perspective on the industry.