

JULIUS “THE CHEF” JACKSON



Julius “The Chef” Jackson is a professional chef & boxer, published author, Olympian, father, husband, philanthropist, and community leader that hails from and resides on the beautiful island of St. Thomas U.S.V.I. He found his culinary passion at the tender age of nine when he saw the looks on the faces of his siblings after he prepared a meal. Upon graduating from high school, Julius worked at the Sunset Grill at Marriott Frenchman’s Reef hotel in St. Thomas to gain more experience. During this time, it solidified Julius’ desire to be a chef, and he enrolled at The Florida Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach, Florida.

After completing culinary school and competing in the Beijing Olympics, he returned to the Virgin Islands and became the lead cook at the popular Fat Turtle restaurant. At Fat Turtle, Julius developed a reputation for his exquisite specials and charming interactions with restaurant guests. His ever-growing culinary skills led him to enter and win the “King of the Wing” cooking competition in 2012.

Since then, the Food Network, Cooking Channel, The New York Times, as well as Travel & Leisure “Food Issue” have featured Chef Jackson for his culinary arts and skills. Julius thoroughly enjoys curating cuisines that reflect and are inspired by his travel and world experiences.

Realizing that people connect directly with his recipes and interpretation of food led the Chef to write and publish his first cookbook, “My Modern Caribbean Kitchen: 70 Fresh Takes on Island Favorites.” Travel Noir and Essence Magazine have critically acclaimed this cookbook.

His passion for the youth and his community – through education – led him to his role as Head Chef and Manager at My Brother’s Workshop Bakery & Cafe, a nonprofit training program for at-risk youth. Julius volunteers with many other nonprofits and is a sought out speaker to encourage and aid young Virgin Islanders on their journey of tackling their dreams. He also launched a new management branch of his company, Julius Jackson LLC that offers managerial structure and direction to young talent.

