



**Michael Bergin**

**Chef Contestant**

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Age: 29

Resides: Boston, MA

Michael began working at the young age of 15 as a dishwasher. After discovering his love of cooking he spent a year at a fine culinary school, but quickly decided that the formality wasn't for him, and returned to working in kitchens. Today, at 29 years old, Michael works as a lead sous chef at one of Boston's best restaurants, L'Espalier. With his girlfriend managing a rival restaurant in Boston, Michael dreams of one day opening a space together where he can manage the "brigade" in the kitchen and she the "front of house".