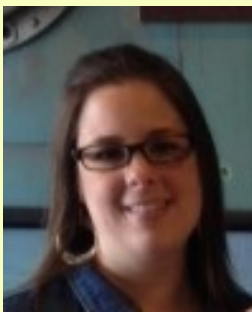




Happy Valentine's Day!



Get to Know... Gina

Gina was born & raised in Houston, TX and comes from a large Italian family. Like Chef Dustin, she learned at an early age, the importance food plays in gatherings with family & friends. "I will never forget our Sunday dinners at my Grandma Sedita's house every week. Those were the best times! No one left hungry, there was always PLENTY of spaghetti & meatballs, roast, rice and gravy, chicken stew, cookies, cakes, pies... The day was filled with eating, talking, laughing, and playing with cousins. My best memories are of those times!"

Although Gina has never been a pro in the kitchen, she developed a taste and appreciation for good, simple food from those family meals. When she moved to Austin to attend The University of Texas at Austin, she began working for Marriott in the hotel's gift shop. Little did she know at that time, she would move up

through the ranks over the next 19 years and end up as a Senior Event Manager with Marriott International planning events such as conferences, weddings, sporting events, etc. In 2014, Gina moved on from Marriott and started working as a Catering Manager with Sodexo at ConocoPhillips. "My short time at Sodexo taught me SO MUCH. I learned how to manage a staff, a budget and keep customers satisfied with our food offerings in their cafes or catering for their meetings. My time at Sodexo gave me the confidence to jump into Eji's with Dustin."

"Dustin & I are thrilled to start this journey together and showcase our talents while helping others create unforgettable memories with friends, family and co-workers."

National Food Holidays - February



- February 1: National Dark Chocolate Day
- February 2: National Tater Tot Day
- February 3: National Carrot Cake Day
- February 4: Pork Rind Appreciation Day
- February 5: National Frozen Yogurt Day
- February 6: National Chopsticks Day
- February 7: National Fettuccini Alfredo Day
- February 8: National Potato Lover's Day
- February 9: National Pizza Day
- February 10: National "Have a Brownie" Day
- February 11: National Peppermint Patty Day
- February 12: National Biscotti Day
- February 13: National "Italian Food" Day
- February 14: National Cream-Filled Chocolates Day
- February 15: National Gumdrop Day
- February 16: National Almond Day
- February 17: National Cafe Au Lait Day
- February 18: National "Drink Wine" Day
- February 19: National Chocolate Mint Day
- February 20: National Cherry Pie Day
- February 21: National Pancake Day
- February 22: National Margarita Day
- February 23: National Chili Day
- February 24: National Tortilla Chip Day
- February 25: National Clam Chowder Day
- February 26: National Pistachio Day
- February 27: National Strawberry Day

February 28: National Chocolate Souffle Day

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