



Born and raised in Detroit, Chef Martinez has had a love affair with the city going back decades. After completing High School in Detroit, he pursued his education in the Culinary Arts and went on to receive his Culinary Degree from Oakland Community College.

In his early years, he worked in well-known and beloved establishments; The Rhinoceros and London Chop House in Detroit, L'Espalier in Boston, Tom's Oyster Bar in Grosse Pointe, The Jefferson Hotel in DC and opened Woodward Avenue Brewery in Ferndale.

He was appointed Executive Chef of Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester and The Fox & Hounds in Bloomfield Hills.

Chef Martinez earned his CEC and CEPC, Certified Executive Chef and Certified Executive Pastry Chef, receiving medals in culinary competitions throughout the area.

As his career in the culinary field was moving ahead, Chef Martinez' dream of owning his own establishment started lining up. In 2008 he opened 1515 Broadway Café in Detroit and in August of 2012, he and his wife Jennifer opened the Alley Cat in downtown Pontiac.

Chef Martinez' passion for food is reflected in the Alley Cat, as he continues to foster his own professional development.