

Introducing . . . Chef Jon Decatrel Executive Chef, Watercrest Spanish Springs

We are proud to introduce Chef Jon Decatrel, Executive Chef at Watercrest Spanish Springs!

Jon was born in Brooklyn, New York; his family moved to Florida when he was just a year old. "We are a close family," says Jon. "At an early age I became the man of the family, taking care of my younger sister, which entailed either walking her to school or making sure she got on the right school bus, helping with homework and doing chores after school."

As he got older, Jon's mom would include him in "prep" work for dinner – this was the start of his cooking journey. He worked at a local deli after school with a goal of buying his first truck!

"When high school graduation came along and everyone was looking into colleges or branches of the miliary, I researched cooking schools and was accepted into The Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts," he says. "I am proud to say I graduated on the Presidents' List."

Jon incorporated his training to advance his career path to Executive Chef. He has devoted the past 20 years to senior living communities. We are blessed that Jon found Watercrest Spanish Springs to showcase his talents.

Jon's staff is excited to have him on board and his presence will surely help to further develop his team's notable skills. Said one of the cooks, "I'm going to learn a lot from him!"