



Meet Patrick Ruffolo

Patrick, a native of Western Chicagoland, began his career in hospitality at the age of 16. Patrick has prided himself in offering the highest level of service since beginning his career. He graduated from Robert Morris University in Chicago with a Bachelor's Degree in Advanced Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management. In college, he earned a job at Orchard Valley Golf Course as a dishwasher in the kitchen. Throughout his schooling, he worked his way up from dishwasher, to cook, to eventually Kitchen Supervisor. Upon graduating, Patrick accepted a position as the Executive Chef/Food and Beverage Director at a Best Western Plus in the western suburbs of Chicago that included a 20,000 square foot convention center. While in this position, he realized he enjoyed hosting large events serving up to 1,000+ attendees on any given day, all while still delivering a high quality product and impeccable service.

Patrick then took his talents to Sun Development and Management group, as the Assistant General Manager of the Staybridge Suites- Naperville/Aurora, IL. There, he further developed his customer service background. He soon assumed the role as General Manager of this property and aided in the conversion of the hotel to a Homewood Suites by Hilton. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Aurora Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Throughout his longevity with Sun Development, he has worked as a Task Force General Manager, catering specifically to properties that were going through specific transitions. Patrick has worked in many different Hotel brands including; Hilton Hotels and Resorts, Embassy Suites by Hilton, DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn, Springhill Suites by Marriott, TownePlace Suites by Marriott, Candlewood Suites, and Holiday Inn. Sun Development offered Patrick the opportunity to assume the role of Corporate Director of Food and Beverage. This role was designed to create new restaurant concepts and to train team members to deliver an upscale product with great service and a smile.

Recently, Patrick has brought his talents back to the Homewood Suites by Hilton- Aurora/Naperville where he is excited to continue mentoring and growing the team to deliver the highest quality service and product in the Aurora Area, while being heavily involved in the Aurora community.