

Ricardo Santiago

Culinary Professional · Event Chef · Catering Chef

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Ricardo Santiago is a chef with 15+ years of hands-on kitchen experience across restaurants, catering, major events, and food-truck operations. He currently leads event and catering kitchens at State Farm Arena and works with Dennis Dean Catering, cooking for everything from intimate dinners to large-scale events across Atlanta. His cooking blends Mexican and international technique — birria and mid/south-of-the-border cooking, Japanese-inspired dishes, sushi and knife work, and the discipline that high-volume stadium kitchens teach: prep, speed, and service that doesn't miss. Wherever he lands, he brings organization, consistency, and an old-school attention to detail to the pass.

EXPERIENCE

Event Chef

State Farm Arena

08/2020 – Present

Atlanta, GA

- Prepare food for large groups and major events.
- Support high-volume food production and service.
- Prepare catering menus according to event requirements, dietary needs and budget.
- Order and organize food items and supplies required for catering operations.
- Prepare catering options for clients and events.

Catering Chef

Dennis Dean Catering

01/2016 – Present

- Prepare food for weddings, corporate events, private functions and other large events.
- Execute catering menus based on client specifications, event type, dietary needs and budget.
- Order and organize ingredients and supplies required for catering operations.
- Follow food-safety and equipment-safety procedures in high-volume kitchen environments.

Line Chef

S.C.A.D.

07/2012 – 07/2015

- Operated fryer and grill stations.
- Followed sanitation, nutrition and kitchen safety standards.
- Assisted kitchen leadership with food preparation and service.
- Restocked ingredients and food items throughout service.

SKILLS

Mexican Cuisine, Taquero, Birria, Sushi, Japanese Cuisine, Continental Cuisine, Catering, Event Production, Food Trucks, High-Volume Cooking

LANGUAGES

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