



Introducing the Food Service General Manager for the LEARN Community, Shana Orrell!

Shana grew up in a small town in Connecticut where she spent her days spending time with her family. After high school she enrolled in culinary school to follow her dreams to become a Pastry Chef. Later, she interned at The Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. There she honed her techniques and skills for a couple of years, plating 5-star desserts for dining room guests and participating in catering for formal events, parties and weddings. As much as she loved the job, she moved back to Connecticut to be closer to her family.

That's when she became a line cook at a restaurant during the evening hours while working at a venue bakery in the morning. Shana spent several years learning the ins and outs of the restaurant business. Within these years Shana got married and had 2 children. This is when she realized the schedule within the restaurant business was not very conducive to raising a family. That is when she started working at Whitsons.

Shana applied all her training and knowledge into making children's lunches delicious and healthy. Seeing kids coming into the school excited about what they are going to eat reminded her of the joy she felt as a kid when her family would cook and bake together which in turn, drove her into the food service industry in the first place.

Besides her job, Shana enjoys being outdoors dirt-biking, going on motorcycle rides and off-roading in her Jeep. When she is not out, she is usually crocheting or reading and being with her family.

Shana looks forward to helping fuel your children that will drive them to become their best selves!