

Josephine Horton

Head Pastry Chef

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STRENGTHS

-  **Team Leadership**
Successfully mentored new culinary talent, shaping future leaders in the pastry space.
-  **Cost Control**
Expertly managed food costs through negotiation and strategic sourcing partnerships.
-  **Menu Innovation**
Developed appealing new products resulting in elevated customer experiences and expanded clientele.
-  **Quality Assurance**
Maintained an unwavering commitment to product quality, ensuring top-tier offerings consistently.
-  **Communication Skills**
Fostered a communicative workspace where team members felt valued, promoting open exchanges.

SKILLS

- Pastry Production
- Recipe Development
- Inventory Management
- Staff Training Quality Control
- Food Safety Standards
- Collaboration Operational Planning
- Events Coordination
- Nutritional Analysis
- Customer Service Heritage Grains
- Team Building
- Process Improvement
- Vendor Relations

SUMMARY

Experienced Head Pastry Chef with over five years in high-volume culinary environments, leading and inspiring cross-functional teams. Proven leadership skills showcased through the development of innovative pastry recipes and comprehensive training programs. Committed to quality, sustainability, and collaboration, optimizing food costs while ensuring compliance with health standards. Relished for fostering a positive kitchen culture centered around communication and respect, mentorship, and shared goals. Passionate about working with heritage grains and local ingredients, driving forward-quality hand-crafted pastries that delight customers and reflect seasonality. Enthusiastically aligns personal values with Gold Crust Bakery's vision.

EXPERIENCE

Head Pastry Chef

Artisan Confections  March 2021 – Present  Evanston, IL

Heading pastry production with a focus on excellence in creation and presentation, overseeing eight chefs in a bustling bakery setting. Responsible for all aspects of team management, recipe development, and operational planning.

- Spearheaded seasonal menu changes, boosting customer satisfaction ratings significantly.
- Streamlined inventory processes, achieving a noteworthy reduction in raw ingredient costs.
- Facilitated professional training sessions, enhancing baking skills and sanitation practices within the team.
- Developed collaborative relationships with other department managers to improve overall efficiency.
- Maintained strict adherence to ServSafe protocols, ensuring compliance with regulations throughout operations.
- Monitored equipment maintenance, proactively addressing issues that arose to prevent production delays.

Pastry Sous Chef

Sweet Treats Bakery  January 2019 – February 2021  Skokie, IL

Assisted in managing day-to-day operations while collaborating closely with the Head Pastry Chef, supervising a team, and specializing in quality assurance and cost-effective strategies.

- Implemented quality control checks; success seen in significant reductions in product waste.
- Played a key role in buoying team morale through effective delegation and supportive training.
- Integrated innovative ideas into seasonal menus, leading to increased customer engagement and sales.
- Oversaw inventory tracking, ensuring sufficient supplies for seamless daily operations.
- Conducted regular team meetings to cultivate open dialogue and address any challenges head-on.
- Enhanced staff training modules based on real-time observations and improvements needed.

Pastry Cook

Baked Delights  June 2016 – December 2018  Chicago, IL

Contributed to pastry preparations by applying foundational techniques learned education, focusing on product quality, team dynamics, and adhering to rigorous safety standards.

- Prepared diverse pastry offerings, ensuring both taste and aesthetic criteria were fully met.
- Collaborated efficiently with staff during peak hours to maintain excellent service standards.
- Participated in subjective evaluations which directly influenced product line decisions.
- Conducted consistent cleaning maintaining hygienic work area and proper tool management.
- Utilized changing customer feedback loops to adapt recipes, increasing various item sales.
- Engaged wholeheartedly in order or procurement processes to sustain peak operational capabilities.

LANGUAGES

English	Native
Spanish	Proficient

MY CAREER



- Head Pastry Chef at Artisan Confections (5.4 Years)
- Pastry Sous Chef at Sweet Treats Bakery (2.1 Years)
- Pastry Cook at Baked Delights (2.5 Years)

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, Culinary Institute of America, 2014-2016
- Innovative Pastry Team Award, Artisan Confections, 2022

EDUCATION

Diploma in Culinary Arts
Culinary Institute of America 🎓 GPA: 3.7 📅 2016 📍 New York, NY
***Coursework:** Pastry Techniques, Food Safety, Inventory Management, Menu Development*

CERTIFICATIONS

- ServSafe Manager Certification 📅 2026
- Food Handler Training Certification 📅 2025

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Culinary Software:** Kitchen Cut, FlexiSoft, Compeat
- **Equipment Maintenance:** Ovens, Mixers, Refrigeration Units
- **Training Tools:** Trainee Manuals, Online Platforms, Workshops
- **Safety Compliance:** ServSafe, HACCP, OSHA protocols
- **Ordering Systems:** Marketman, PeachWorks, BlueCart
- **Production Techniques:** Sous Vide, Baking, Chocolate Tempering
- **Documentation Software:** MS Word, Excel, Recipe Module
- **Menu Planning:** Costing Estimation, Seasonal Themes, Customer Metrics
- **Ingredient Sourcing:** Local Farms, Artisanal Suppliers, Wholesale Markets
- **Team Collaboration Tools:** Slack, Email, Group Chats

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Culinary Federation
- Volunteer, Local Food Bank

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST