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FareStart Launches “Guest Chef Night at Home” Virtual Event Series

Free community event featuring local chef favorites Kristi Brown, Rachel Yang, Melissa Miranda, Edouardo Jordan, Brendan McGill, Varin Keokitvon, and Francisco Migoya.

SEATTLE (February 25, 2021) – FareStart announced that it will launch a virtual version of its popular Guest Chef Night event called “Guest Chef Night at Home.” Each quarter in 2021 the nonprofit organization will hold a free, one-hour virtual event that will focus on a culinary theme or skill that features local, award-winning chefs. FareStart’s Chef Wayne Johnson will serve as the host.

The first event will take place on **Thursday, March 25** from **5 to 6 p.m. PST** and feature **Chefs Kristi Brown** (Communion and That Brown Girl Cooks!) and **Varin Keokitvon** (Seattle Central College and formerly of Heartwood Provisions). The chefs will focus on knife skills as they demonstrate tips and tricks for a good cut. Guests with all knife skills will be welcomed as basic and more advanced techniques are shown. The event is free of charge, but advanced registration is required at www.farestart.org.

“We are thrilled to bring back Guest Chef Night in this new, more accessible way,” said Chef Wayne Johnson, FareStart senior advisor of culinary and community engagement. “Now more than ever, it’s critical to support our local chefs while building community. We cannot wait to bring together food lovers, FareStart students, staff and supporters in this virtual environment. In addition, to learning from the experts, we want these events to be fun and lively, just like the best conversations around the dinner table.”

2021 FareStart Guest Chef Night at Home Schedule:

- Thursday, March 25, 5 – 6 p.m. PT: Chopping Like a Pro with Chef Kristi Brown of Communion and That Brown Girl Cooks!, and Varin Keokitvon of Seattle Central College and formerly of Heartwood Provisions.
- Thursday, May 20, 5 – 6 p.m. PT: Art of the Appetizers with Chef Rachel Yang of Joule, Trove and Revel, and Chef Melissa Miranda of Musang Seattle.
- Thursday, September 9, 5 – 6 p.m. PT: Perfecting Pizza with Chef Francisco Migoya of Modernist Cuisine.
- Thursday, December 16, 5 – 6 p.m. PT: Relishing Fermentation with Chef Edouardo Jordan of JuneBaby and Salare, and Chef Brendan McGill of Hitchcock.

FareStart Guest Chef Night was launched nearly 30 years ago. It became one of Seattle’s most beloved culinary events where the community gathered every Thursday night at the FareStart Restaurant to enjoy a three-course dinner prepared by a local celebrity chef and FareStart students. Since the event’s inception, more than \$6 million has been raised to support FareStart’s job training programs for youth

and adults with barriers to employment. The event was paused in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic as FareStart pivoted to provide emergency meals to communities across the Seattle area.

For more information about FareStart or to register for a FareStart Guest Chef Night at Home virtual event, visit www.farestart.org.

About FareStart

FareStart is a James Beard Award-winning nonprofit organization that transforms lives, disrupts poverty and nourishes communities through food, life skills and job training. Since 1992, FareStart has provided opportunities for nearly 11,000 adults and youth, while serving over 12.5 million meals to Seattle area schools, homeless shelters and healthcare facilities. When COVID struck in March 2020, the organization pivoted to provide thousands of vulnerable neighbors access meals in the wake of the crisis, delivering over 2 million meals throughout the Seattle area.

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