



Name: Darren

Apprenticeship: Certificate III Commercial Cookery Completed Citi New Recruits Program Phase II

After finishing year 12, Darren applied for several jobs but often didn't hear back from employers. Without prior experience, he found it difficult to find entry-level work. When Darren found out about the Citi New Recruits program, he was ready to start a career that would secure his future.

"My brother was an apprentice carpenter, and I saw him learning and getting mentored in his apprenticeship. I thought apprenticeship would be a pathway to the future," Darren explained.

After completing the Citi New Recruits program in 2015, Darren commenced working on his Certificate III in Commercial Cookery at the Stitch Bar on York Street in Sydney.

A career in cookery is a good fit for Darren, who enjoys working during the evening hours and staying up late. He is a nocturnal kind of person, and he often used to help his mum in the kitchen with baking when he couldn't sleep at night.

On a typical day in the Stitch Bar kitchen, Darren is responsible for working through various tasks on the prep list and getting ready for a fast-paced dinner service.

"I really enjoy learning new skills," Darren said. From crafting cheese balls for tapas to filleting fish, the job gives Darren the chance to pick up kitchen skills every day.

Darren has also learned the importance of staying organised, prioritising tasks, maintaining a good work flow, and being reliable. He loves being part of a team, and enjoys the social aspect of meeting new people through work.

"The program has enabled me to learn new skills, become a part of a team environment, and have an income that is regular," Darren said.

One of the promising things Darren sees in his career choice is the potential to travel overseas. Once he completes his qualification, Darren plans to look for work opportunities abroad, starting with the United States. Darren's favourite saying

sums up his optimism about the future: "Ain't no mountain high enough."



For further information please contact:
info@saf.org.au

Citi Foundation
citi

Skilling
Australia
FOUNDATION

**CITI
THE NEW
RECRUITS
PROGRAM** Real Skills Real Jobs