



Michael McDole

At Waterlefe Golf & River Club, dining has always been about more than the meal—it's about connection, celebration, and feeling at home. That's why we're excited to tell you more about Executive Chef Michael McDole, who joined us in December 2025, and whose experience and philosophy are proving to align perfectly with our community.

Originally from New Jersey, Chef Michael brings nearly 50 years of culinary experience, including two decades in Florida. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, his career spans hotels, resorts, catering, and culinary education, where he mentored aspiring chefs and reinforced his belief in strong fundamentals and thoughtful cooking.

He has served as President of the American Culinary Federation and has earned multiple awards throughout his career—yet remains grounded in what matters most: creating food that brings people together.

Chef Michael's passion is comfort food—elevated, approachable, and rooted in quality ingredients. His style reflects the Waterlefe lifestyle, blending elegance with ease and encouraging guests to linger, connect, and enjoy.

A proud family man and grandfather, he believes food should make people feel cared for and welcome. That philosophy will guide the dining experience as he strides into his new role.

Please join us in celebrating Executive Chef, Michael McDole, by visiting The River Club to try his incredible menus. *We're thrilled to have him at the helm!*

