Chef Robert Irvine Meets with Culinary Students

Chef Corbett Day: The second years mean a lot to me as a teacher, had them there for two years and, it kind of hurt me not to see them have their final competitions; we didn't get to go to Disney, we didn't get to compete for scholarship. We were all geared up and ready to go and then this epidemic happened, so I thought to myself, "What can I do?" I gotta find something special I can do for these guys; I knew we had our first meeting online, so I reached out to my friends at Food Network, and was able to reach Robert's agent, and Robert graciously decided to pop into our Zoom meeting. [Video of the meeting] So I invited somebody to the group chat... Oh there he is, Chef Robert... Student: It has a picture of... Corbett Day: This is Chef Robert Irvine, you got your mute on? Student: Wait, what?! Corbett Day: The whole goal of him being there was for him to give the kids a final overview of what the world's going to look like in our industry. Caitlin Fowler: Yeah, it was really funny at first because, I just saw this name pop up and it said Robert Coin, and I was like, "Who is that?" And then all of a sudden Robert Irvine popped up, and I was like, "What the heck is happening!" So we all kinda freaked out for a second. Connor Long: I was just surprised, having a celebrity chef over face time, "Oh, I'm talking to a billionaire!" [Zoom Meeting] Student: But here's the catch, I kind of want to specialize in catering to people who have certain allergies to food like eggs and milk. Corbett Day: Honestly, I don't think they had any idea that he was going to be on there; we kind of played some trivia prior to, and I kind of gave them a fun powerpoint assignment that they banged out about Robert Irvine, and, I think, when his name popped up, they were a little surprised. I don't know if they thought it was a joke at first until they saw his face or what. It was a cool experience, I was glad to be able to give something to them, even though I can't be there. [Zoom Meeting] Chef Robert Irvine: Right? So you have to find that person whose going to take the time to teach you, and understand you, and allow you to be you, whilst in a busy place. Connor Long: I thought it was really a lifetime experience, to be able to hear his opinions and his suggestions on the industry itself and it's been really helpful to hear his opinion on my career going on. Caitlin Fowler: Just, him doing this for us really meant a tremendous amount to me. I don't think I've ever had a teacher... teachers have looked out for me in the past, but I don't think I've ever had a teacher go that far to try to make my day when all of this is going on.

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