

APRIL SHEPPERSON
SENIOR BANQUET CHEF
ATLANTA MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL
BIOGRAPHY

April was born and raised in Long Island, New York and has always had a passion for cooking. At age 8 she made dinner by herself for her Mom as a surprise-trying to emulate Julia Child and Jacques Pepin whose shows she watched religiously on PBS. By age 14, April's father asked if she'd ever considered being a chef. The idea resonated with her and became her pursuit. April attended technical school while still in high school and graduated with a culinary degree along with a regents diploma. She went on from there to graduate from Johnson and Wales University. After working in several private and corporate owned restaurants and hotels in the Atlanta area, April then went on to work for Norwegian Cruise Lines, Ltd. then worked as a culinary consultant for the Pisto Restaurant Group in Monterey, California. After her stint as a consultant April then moved on to Long Beach, California then to Hilton Head, South Carolina as Banquet Chef for the Hilton Oceanfront Resort. After 3 years with Hilton, April was then recruited by Marriott to work as Banquet Chef for the Hilton Head Marriott Beach and Golf Resort. After 3 years, April was then promoted and relocated back to Atlanta as the Senior Sous Chef over all restaurants at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Currently April is the Senior Banquet Chef at the Marquis in charge of the culinary team for all catered events.