

CELEBRITY CHEF TOM DOUGLAS MENTORS FOUR TREEHOUSE YOUTHS



I'M TRYING TO GET A LITTLE BIT, A LITTLE BIT OF THAT SEAR ON THERE. YOU CAN ONLY GET THAT IF YOU LET THEM SIT FOR A MINUTE.

WE COOKED AN AMAZING DINNER. I LEARNED HOW TO CUT A CHICKEN, NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE. THINK CHICKEN AND IT'S LIKE, OH, CHICKEN BREAST WITH SALT AND PEPPER ON IT, BORING, BUT OH, THERE'S LIKE A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO COOK A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT THINGS, SO IT'S REALLY EXCITING.

YOU KNOW, SOME OF THEM HAVE NEVER TOUCHED A CHICKEN BEFORE. SOME OF THEM HAVE NEVER TOUCHED A CHEF KNIFE BEFORE. I JUST THINK IT'S JUST IMPORTANT TO SHARE THAT LIFE SKILL. IT'S LIKE BALANCING A CHECKBOOK. YOU CAN'T ROAST A CHICKEN, HOW YOU GONNA BALANCE A CHECKBOOK.

I'D LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO COOK CHICKEN PROPERLY. I LEARNED HOW TO COOK STIR-FRY THE RIGHT WAY AND COOK WITH TOM DOUGLAS, SO YEAH, IT'S PRETTY COOL.

YOU HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR END GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH THESE TOUGHER TIMES, THESE AREAS WHERE YOU'RE NOT AS COMFORTABLE. SO THAT'S WHAT I TELL THEM AND THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT TREEHOUSE, THAT IT'S THE SAME THING, THEY'RE JUST THERE TO SUPPORT.

YEAH, MAN, TREEHOUSE HAS OPENED SO MANY DOORS FOR ME, IT'S CRAZY. I TOLD THEM I WANTED TO BE IN CULINARY AND THEY SAID WELL, WE CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE THAT, YOU KNOW, WE CAN HELP YOU GET IN WITH A FAMOUS CHEF AND SUPPORT YOUR DREAMS.

I JUST WANTED TO SOAK UP AS MUCH KNOWLEDGE AS I COULD POSSIBLY BECAUSE, MAN, THAT'S TOM DOUGLAS. HOPEFULLY, IN THE NEAR FUTURE I PLAN TO HAVE DIFFERENT RESTAURANTS. I KIND OF WANT TO DO THE SAME THING HE DOES, WHERE HE, LIKE DIFFERENT FOODS LIKE BURGER JOINTS, TACO JOINTS.

IT'S REALLY MADE ME REALIZE HOW EASILY ATTAINABLE THIS DREAM IS, LIKE, IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM ANYMORE, LIKE I'M ACTUALLY MAKING MY WAY THERE NOW. IT'S NOT JUST LEARNING HOW TO DO CHICKEN RIGHT.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY LEARNED, THAT THERE'S A BIGGER WORLD OUT THERE, BOTH IN FOOD AND YOUR DINNER BUT ALSO IN YOUR COMMUNITY. I HOPE YOU REMEMBER THIS EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE HAVING HARD TIMES AND KNOW THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE AND TREEHOUSE IS ALWAYS IN YOUR CORNER. SO AM I. I ALREADY TOLD YOU, YOU'RE STUCK WITH ME.

ARE YOU STARTING TO GET HUNGRY? HOW PRETTY IS THAT?