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WORST COOKS IN AMERICA: CELEBRITY EDITION

Contestant Bios

DEAN CAIN

Dean Cain, best known for his starring role as Superman/Clark Kent on *Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*, the massively popular ABC series that ran for four seasons and averaged 15 million viewers per episode. He was also a finalist and proud supporter of NBC's new competition series *Stars Earn Stripes*, which benefitted the Wounded Warriors Project. Cain has starred in numerous films and television series which include USA Network's *The Perfect Husband: The Laci Peterson Story* and has memorable roles on USA's *Burn Notice*, *Mulaney* for Fox, and as a hilarious version of himself in *Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23*. In addition, Cain hosted series *Bloopers*, recounting hilarious unpredictable bloopers from the web, and also served as host of the long-running TBS series *Ripley's Believe It or Not!*, which he also produced through his company, Angry Dragon Entertainment. Currently, Cain plays the lead "Pete Davenport" on the hit VH1 series *Hit the Floor*. Up next, you can catch him returning to the world of DC Comics as "Fred Danvers" on *Supergirl* for CBS. Fred is the adoptive father of "Kara Zor-El" (Melissa Benoist), a caring man who is woefully unprepared to be a part of his daughter's secret life. Cain's feature credits include *The Broken Hearts Club*, *Out of Time* and *Bailey's Billions*. Most recently, he starred in Lionsgate's *Vendetta* as "Mason," a hard-nosed detective who intentionally gets locked up in order to put a stop to the criminal empire responsible for his wife's murder.

ELLEN CLEGHORNE

As of May 2015, you can refer to Ellen Cleghorne as Ellen Cleghorne, Ph.D. She earned her doctoral degree from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University in Performance Studies. Her dissertation dealt with the performance of black women in politics and comedy and the irony of the intersection of race and gender. While she enjoys academia and plans on keeping active in that community, Ellen is eager to return to performing — something she has done for decades. Before she was Dr. Cleghorne, Ellen acted on stage at the Public Theatre in New York City and in films such as *Grown Ups 2*, *Little Nicky*, *Armageddon*, *Mr. Wrong* and *Coyote Ugly* to only name a few of her film credits. In television, Ellen had the honor of joining the cast of *Saturday Night Live* in 1991, where she performed for four years. Most recently she appeared on the *SNL 40th Anniversary show*. Ellen had her own series, *Cleghorne!*, and performed numerous times on *The Tonight Show*, *Late Night with David Letterman* and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, in addition to appearing as a guest artist on *In Living Color*. As a stand-up comedy artist, Ellen has worked with Adam Sandler, David Spade, Chris Rock, David Alan Grier, Jamie Foxx and Martin Lawrence, among many others. She has also worked as a comedy writer, including on *The Roseanne Show*. Currently Ellen is working on a book, looking forward to continuing to teach on the college level and returning to acting in film and television.

JENNI "JWOWW" FARLEY

New York-born Jenni "JWoww" Farley first hit the scene on the wildly popular MTV series *Jersey Shore*. The show documented the summers of self-proclaimed Guidos and Guidettes at their summer shore house in all their fist-pumping and hot-tubbing glory. *Jersey Shore* became MTV's most viewed series ever and emerged as a cultural phenomenon that proved to be lucrative for just about every cast member. Jenni and her relationship with best friend Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi was among the show's main story lines and turned the two women into household names. Jenni and Nicole capitalized on their fan-favorite status by starring in the spinoff *Snooki & JWoww*, where the girls got to show America a more mature side as they both moved on to the next stages in their lives. Watching Jenni transition from party girl to mommyhood really resonated with her fans and she has the social media following to prove it. Jenni has more than 16,500,000 social media fans that she interacts with daily. Jenni and Roger Matthews appeared on the first season of WE tv's *Marriage Bootcamp: Reality Stars*. She's also appeared on numerous talk shows and award shows and even penned "The Rules According to JWoww" in 2012. Currently Jenni is staying busy adjusting to life as a soon-to-be wife and new mom to daughter Meilani. She is in the middle of planning her wedding to fiancé Roger Matthews which will happen this October.

CHRIS SOULES

After rocketing to stardom by competing for Andi Dorfman's affections on *The Bachelorette*, Chris Soules was immediately signed to be the 19th man chosen as *The Bachelor* on ABC's hit romance reality series. His subsequent popularity on television's biggest guilty pleasure, led to his casting on the Emmy-nominated *Dancing with the Stars* in the Spring of 2015



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where he competed for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy landing in 5th place overall. A family man through and through, Chris counts his father, who is a farmer, too, as his role model. Chris' three older sisters originally submitted him without his knowing for *The Bachelorette* after they watched him suffer through the heartbreak of an ended engagement. When Chris starts his own family, he is hoping for a big one and close knit family much like the one in which he was raised. Chris, who actually could drive a tractor before he could drive a car, grew up on a farm in nearby Lamont, Iowa, and attended Iowa State University, where he studied agronomy and agriculture. He brought his skills back to the family farm where he expanded the business and helped make it the multi-million dollar enterprise it is today. This 6'1", blue-eyed bachelor loves football, camping and country music. He epitomizes what women look for in a man: successful, sensitive and sexy. He has almost everything he needs -- except his dream woman, who will be smart, motivated and confident. Oh, and she will need to know or learn how to drive a tractor! Chris resides fulltime in Arlington, Iowa.

JALEEL WHITE

Jaleel White has brought laughter to millions of people around the world as a multi-talented actor who has also become an emerging screenwriter. White is best known for his portrayal of Steve Urkel/Stefan Urquelle on ABC's long-running series *Family Matters*. The series is one of 22 shows in television history to reach 200 episodes. While attending UCLA's School of Film and Television, White occupied a dual role as star and producer of the UPN series *Grown-Ups*. Upon graduating from UCLA, he worked as a WGA writer for such notable companies as Imagine Entertainment and Disney Channel Television. He has also resumed acting, playing guest starring roles in *Boston Legal*, *House*, *NCIS* and DreamWorks' *Dreamgirls*. Last year, he played a role in the feature film *Judy Moody and the Not So Bummer Summer*, voiced the role of Sonic the Hedgehog and wrote, produced and starred in his own web series *Fake It 'Til You Make It*. White currently plays recurring roles on USA Network's cable smash *Psych* and the Nickelodeon series *Problem Solverz*. Coming up, he will host the new SyFy game show *Total Blackout* and will begin production on a film which he co-wrote, *Parkin' Lot Pimpin*.

BARRY WILLIAMS

Barry Williams is a familiar face to generations of television viewers for playing the role of "Greg Brady" on the iconic television series *The Brady Bunch*. Today, Barry lives in Branson, MO where he performs in "The '70s Music Celebration." With a full cast and live band, the show promises to deliver the grooviest decade of them all through song and dance. Barry has had an extensive career starring in hundreds of television shows and over 85 productions of Broadway musicals. He made appearances on several television shows including *Dragnet*, *Adam-12*, *The Invaders*, *That Girl*, *Mission: Impossible*, *The Mod Squad* and *Here Comes the Brides* before landing his role as "Greg Brady" on *The Brady Bunch*, in which he won the Young Artist Foundation Former Child Star "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 1989. He embraced his role and has appeared in various Brady Bunch TV movie reunions including *A Very Brady Christmas*, *The Brady Brides*, and *The Brady Bunch Variety Hour*. He became involved in musical theater, touring with *Pippin*, *Music Man*, *City of Angels*, *The Sound of Music* and *West Side Story*. In 1988, he appeared on Broadway in *Romance/Romance*. In 1992, he wrote his autobiography "Growing Up Brady: I Was a Teenage Greg" which stayed on the New York Times bestseller list for three months. In 2001, he executive produced the book into an NBC TV movie. He was a DJ on Sirius Satellite Radio, has recorded several live CD's and recently, starred in a 2013 Sci-Fi made-for-television movie *Bigfoot* with Danny Bonaduce and Sherilyn Fenn. Barry moved to Branson in 2011 where he opened his music variety show, *Lunch with the Brady Bunch*.

KENDRA WILKINSON

San Diego born Kendra Wilkinson is a television personality who stumbled into the spotlight after meeting Hugh Hefner at his birthday party. She was later asked to become one of his girlfriends and the rest is *Girls Next Door* history. Kendra, along with two other Playmates, were the stars of E!'s *The Girls Next Door*. The show chronicled the lives of all three of Hefner's girlfriends and three extremely different personalities. The show was a hit for E! and viewers tuned in each week to catch a glimpse of life inside the famed Playboy Mansion. Kendra's candor and tomboy tendencies quickly made her a fan favorite and she transitioned into her own spinoff for E! titled *Kendra* after she met future husband, Philadelphia Eagles Wide Receiver, Hank Baskett. Kendra's bubbly personality and love for all things pop culture made her the most recognized of all Hef's ex-girlfriends. She has appeared on many television shows including *Dancing with the Stars*, *Celebrity Wife Swap*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and *Entourage*. Kendra has also starred in music videos for Akon, Eminem and Nickelback. In 2012, Kendra's reality series moved to WE tv and was revamped as *Kendra on Top*. The show follows Kendra's life as a television personality, wife and mother to Hank IV (5) and Alijah (1). Kendra's candid, open and honest way of



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handling her life led to her penning two novels, "Being Kendra" and "Sliding into Home" both went on to become *New York Times* Best Sellers. Currently, Kendra is filming WE tv's *Marriage Bootcamp: Reality Stars* and the fourth season of *Kendra On Top*.

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