



## CHEF ROBERT IRVINE JOINS CHEF ANNE BURRELL IN CULINARY BOOT CAMP REMATCH IN NEW SEASON OF *WORST COOKS IN AMERICA*

### Chefs Transform Kitchen Disasters into Food Masters in Fan-Favorite Series Premiering Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT

**NEW YORK – July 13, 2018** – Chef **Robert Irvine** returns to battle Chef **Anne Burrell** in a much-anticipated *Worst Cooks in America* rematch beginning Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT, where the renowned chefs whip a roster of disastrous cooks into tip-top shape. Anne and Robert, who last went head-to-head in the show's second season in 2011, each lead a team of kitchen-challenged competitors through a grueling seven-episode culinary boot camp competition designed to improve their food skills. In the finale on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9pm, the one contestant who demonstrates the most impressive culinary transformation is awarded \$25,000 and bragging rights for their mentor.

“Anne and Robert are fiercely competitive and our viewers are sure to enjoy their boot camp reunion,” said Courtney White, General Manager and Executive Vice President, Programming, Food Network and HGTV. “These *Worst Cooks* competitors are hilariously inept when they arrive, and their journey toward kitchen excellence is a fun ride.”

This season's recruits are: **Copan Combs** (Stillwater, Oklahoma); **Robbie Deraffe** (Hackensack, New Jersey); **Marcus Ellis** (Queens, New York); **Bradley Garcia** (Miami, Florida); **Sarah Harris** (Porum, Oklahoma); **Janese Henry** (Spring Lake, North Carolina); **Linda Martin** (Manchester, New Hampshire); **Jessica Paulson** (Oakley, California); **Mary Ann Rapisarda** (Valdosta, Georgia); **Rudy Rehberg** (Chicago, Illinois); **Frank Scuderi** (Maple Shade, New Jersey); **Timmy Thok** (New York, New York); **Carla Waddell** (Alexandria, Virginia) and **Kimberly D. Worthy** (Atlanta, Georgia).

In the season premiere, fourteen of the country's worst cooks enter boot camp with dreams of putting their kitchen nightmares behind them. Chefs Anne and Robert want to see what they're dealing with, so they ask the recruits to make their signature dishes and the results are truly disastrous! After being sorted into teams, the recruits dive right into the deep end of the kitchen by learning to make a surf and turf dish. Then, the recruits on each team with the worst dishes are sent home. Upcoming episodes feature the return of food trivia game Family Food!, a chicken challenge that forces the recruits to spread their wings and guest appearances by Food Network personalities **Gesine Prado** and **Jason Smith**. The season culminates in the finale on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> with the two most-improved recruits preparing a restaurant quality meal for judges **David Burtka**, **Daphne Oz** and **Melba Wilson**, who will sample the dishes in a blind taste test and determine the winner of the \$25,000 prize and victory for their mentor.

For more from culinary boot camp head to [FoodNetwork.com/WorstCooks](http://FoodNetwork.com/WorstCooks) where you can browse photo highlights, watch funny videos and catch behind-the-scenes moments. Who's your best of the worst? Use #WorstCooks to weigh in.

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