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Recruit Bios

Brandon Arroyo (Cleveland, Ohio): Brandon is a funny, outgoing sports journalist who wants to stop eating fast food every day and learn to cook a meal for his long-term girlfriend. His parents always prepared meals for him while growing up, so he is clueless about cooking - even referring to the broiler as "the fire thing on top of the oven." But now that he lives with his girlfriend, he feels guilty that she has to cook all the time and is ready to learn some kitchen skills.

Steven Crowley (New York, New York): Steven is a charming real estate agent known for his bow-ties and big personality. He is a natural showman and loves performing in front of a crowd, dating back to his days in a boy band. He was formerly married to a food blogger, but now that his wife is out of the picture - he's determined to learn to cook and move on with his life in style.

Kayrene Curtis (Rocky River, Ohio): Kayrene is a one-of-a-kind mom of two who is so neat she literally doesn't like to get her hands dirty in the kitchen. But her son is going to college soon, and she simply cannot let him leave without eating a good home-cooked meal made by his mom. This dollar-store fanatic wants to take her food to the next level and build some memories around her kitchen table.

Jonathan Farhat (Livermore, California): Jonathan is an ambitious safety professional who served in the Armed Forces and never cooked his own meals. Now a father of three boys, he finds himself feeding them a steady diet of chicken nuggets and corn dogs. Jonathan realizes his kids need better meal options, and he won't stop until he learns to cook the perfect steak for his boys.

Lily Frey (Anaheim Hills, California): Retired grandma-of-three Lily is sweet as pie, but she has no idea how to make one. She was raised with private chefs and then as an adult, her wonderful late husband made all the meals until he passed away four years ago. She is ready to finally commit to learning to cook after a lifetime of being fed by others.

Asaf Goren (Los Angeles, California): Asaf is an emcee and breakdancer who is ready for anything, except making a home-cooked meal. Nobody in his family cooks, and he wants to break that tradition and have a good time doing it. This single guy with swagger also believes greatness in the kitchen will impress the ladies, and he's looking forward to adding food skills to his repertoire.

Robyn Hayden (Charleston, South Carolina): Balloon artist Robyn uses all her energy to perform at kids parties, so she doesn't have much time to feed her loving husband home-cooked meals. Her mom did all the cooking while she was growing up, but Robyn is tired of relying on others – so she is at boot camp to learn her way around the kitchen.

Sylvia Jefferies (Charleston, South Carolina): Optimistic single mom Sylvia comes from a long line of women who don't cook, but she's determined to break the cycle. She tries to make healthy food for her ten-year-old son, but he just laughs at her attempts in the kitchen. She's even befriended local chefs trying to make sense of it all, but she inevitably resorts to opening cans of soup, even though she does serve it in fine china! She is tired of daydreaming about cooking a decent meal and ready to gain kitchen know-how at boot camp.

Hazell McKenzie (Brooklyn, New York): Vivacious single mom Hazell has always been perfectly happy to let other people do the cooking – first her mother, now her sister who she lives with. But she is about to embark on a new chapter in life by moving upstate to attend graduate school, so she has no choice but to learn to cook for her children. They love being in the kitchen and Hazell can't wait to whip up delicious meals for them.

Priscilla Nguyen (Hattiesburg, Mississippi): Priscilla is a divorced mom-of-three who needs to learn how to feed her kids healthy food and create memories around the dinner table. Her boyfriend is a restaurant owner, so she knows good food – she just has no idea how to make it. She is energetic, outgoing and prepared to tackle culinary boot camp.



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Skyler and Spencer Nick (Wauconda, Illinois): Twins Skyler and Spencer are recent MBA grads who do everything together, including making disasters in the kitchen. These enthusiastic Eagle Scouts (Class of 2008) and former college cheerleaders rarely bicker, dress identically, and finish each other's sentences. They are both looking to settle down and hope to impress the ladies by learning to cook.

Kevin Pettice (Charlotte, North Carolina): Kevin is a momma's boy who grew up eating delicious home-cooked meals, but on his own can't make anything more than a frozen dinner. Because his mom liked to cook things her own way without help, Kevin and his three sisters are all hopeless in the kitchen. He is determined to overcome his fear of knives, flames and eggs and become a decent cook to impress his mom and the family he hopes to start in the future.

Shatima Ruffin (Yorktown, Virginia): Shatima is a former beauty queen who has been pampered her whole life. Her attention is focused on fashion, dancing, singing and having a good time – not cooking. But now that's she's married, Shatima realizes it's important to be able to make a decent meal for her wife. She is determined to learn to cook and look good while doing it.

Sharon Shvarzman (Staten Island, New York): Sharon's parents owned restaurants when he was growing up, but culinary skills were not passed to him – he is such a cooking disaster, his own mother banned him from the kitchen. He is bringing his fiery personality to the competition and is determined to make his boyfriend and family proud by becoming a cooking whiz.

Lacey Stout (Owasso, Oklahoma): Lacey wants to be the perfect Southern mom, but she is helpless in the kitchen. She doesn't want her kids eating processed, packaged foods for every meal – so she is ready to give boot camp her all. A former college basketball star, Lacey is fun, sweet and super competitive.

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