

2360 River Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

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Paschal's Restaurant
Attention: Derick Baker
2360 Cobb Gallery Pkwy
Snellville, GA 30024

Dear Mr. Baker:

It's no secret that the economy is unstable, and people all over, especially recent college graduates are seeking employment opportunities. I'm not a college graduate, I'm not even enrolled in college yet, my name is Wade Timms, and I'm a high school senior, and I'm trying to get a head start on my career! DeKalb County Schools have a really good program in place to help its students get a jump on their futures. We are assigned to complete a career focused "academic yearbook." The **academic yearbook** is a portfolio of academic achievements as well as research and information about our career paths. I am determined to be a chef.

Although this is what I know I want to do, I have very little experience or exposure to the professional world of cooking. My teacher suggests that I contact local businesses and see if any of the owners or managers are willing to provide me with some **assistance** as I get started. I know the food industry is really large, but, I'm interested in learning more about how I can own my very own restaurant. I've heard great things about your restaurant, although I've never had the pleasure of eating there. There are so many challenges to being a black business owner. I'd love to come out and meet with you so that maybe you can talk to me about how you became a successful restaurant owner.

My dad would love to guide me in my search, but he finds it difficult to do so because he has not traveled the path I'm trying to take. I will be a first generation college student. The thought of going to college both excites and terrifies me at the same time. I have no idea of where to start. Should I study culinary arts or business? What did you do?

I'm eager to meet with you because I can't wait to experience a taste of my new life! Please respond to my letter, it would make such a huge difference in my life. I can be reached on my cell phone at (404) 437-9498 afterschool day ends at 3:30, or you may email me at emailme_sometime@yahoo.com. If you are unable to help me, please put me in contact with someone that can advise me.

Thanks in advance,

Wade Tims

