



Brandon Edwin Chrostowski believes that “every human being, regardless of their past, has the right to a fair and equal future.”

A classically trained chef, Chrostowski founded EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute in 2007 to provide culinary arts and hospitality training, as well as employment assistance, to formerly incarcerated individuals re-entering society. Participants also have the opportunity to utilize free housing, basic medical care, clothing, job coaching and literacy programs.

EDWINS graduates nearly 100 students a year between its prison program and restaurant institute. An astounding 97% of graduates have gained employment after finishing the program or following release from prison.

Chrostowski has written for *Northern Ohio Live*, *The Ohio Authority* and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. He also serves on the advisory committee for Slow Food’s Northern Ohio chapter, as well as the employment committee for Cuyahoga County’s Office of Re-entry.