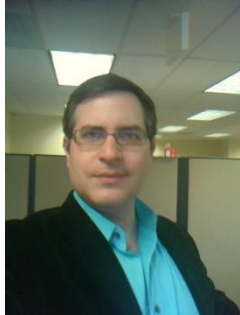


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When you live in Washington D.C., you get very used to answering the question, “So where are you from?” We have proud native locals, to be sure, but due to the nature of a city that ebbs and flows with each election, so many of the folks you meet are from somewhere else. So, where am I from?

Originally a “Jersey boy” I moved to Washington, D.C., in my teens, and quickly came to love this city as if I’d been born here. The hustle of colorful neighborhoods like Dupont Circle or Penn Quarter, the marble grandeur of government buildings which have seen so much history, towering monuments casting shadows as giant as the great leaders who inspired them – it’s a city with a unique character and place in history. It’s an easy place to want to stay in for a while, or for good.

I’m a Field Services Representative for Oakwood Worldwide, which means that I help maintain the relationship we have with our apartment communities. I also meet with prospective guests who need apartment tours. Meeting people who will need to leave home and family for months at a time makes me an ambassador of sorts for our city. It’s a responsibility I take seriously! I make an effort to acquaint myself with various neighborhoods in hopes that a recommendation to a great restaurant may make their transition just a little easier.

To that end, I’m happy to introduce you a few of my favorite places for great dining in and around Washington, D.C., I hope that you will enjoy them as much as I have. Welcome to our nation’s capital!

[Kramerbooks & Afterwords Café](#)

Washington, D.C.

Half bookstore, half restaurant, is one of my favorite places to eat in the charming Dupont Circle neighborhood. Its tasty food menu is complemented by a small but excellent selection of cocktails and craft beers. The prices are quite reasonable. Close to the [Flats at Dupont](#) apartment community and right across the street from Dupont Circle Metro.

[Saigon Saigon](#)

Arlington, Va.

An intimate local Vietnamese restaurant nestled amongst the Pentagon Row shops; this restaurant serves an excellent selection of authentic Vietnamese dishes as well as a few Americanized selections. It’s a popular spot at lunchtime and being just two blocks from the Pentagon you never know who might

be sitting at the next table! Within walking distance of all three of our Pentagon City locations – [Gramercy](#), [1401 Joyce at Pentagon Row](#) and [Metropolitan at Pentagon City](#).

[Founding Farmers](#)

Washington DC and Rockville, Md.

The DC location of Founding Farmers was a big hit for years before they opened their second location in the Maryland suburbs. They pride themselves on being one of the greenest restaurants around, so the eco-conscious can dine guilt free. The care they put in to sourcing their ingredients shows, as the food is fantastic. Even familiar comfort foods such as burgers or mac 'n cheese have been kicked up a few notches in terms of quality. The D.C., location is closest to our [Residences on the Avenue](#) and [2400 M](#) apartments and the location in the Maryland suburbs is closest to [The Grand](#).