

# Anand Upender

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## Objective

Seeking a BoH role in a creative, efficient kitchen environment. Strong knife skills with a passion for experimenting with food and designing eating experiences. Hungry to learn and motivated to add to an inspiring team culture. Previously a digital designer with 3+ years of experience organizing, building and launching products to millions of people.

## Skills

Clean, efficient and hygienic in the kitchen  
Autonomous self-starter and team player  
Able to handle high pace, stressful work  
California Food Handler Card

Design: Brand, Audience Research,  
Graphic and Web design  
Tech: Web development, SEO

## Food Experience

**Line Cook, Nari** **2021 - San Francisco, CA**  
Prepping & executing on four cold and one hot dishes for our Fall season menu

**Baker's Apprentice & Prep Cook, Golden View Restaurant** **2018 - Firenze, Italia**  
Assisted the head baker in preparing focaccia, schiacciata, cannoli, and other traditional baked goods  
Prepared the mise for produce and seafood, made fresh pastas, and worked the dinner line

**Food Course Instructor, Stanford Splash** **2019 - Stanford, CA**  
Co-led four workshops for middle schoolers, titled "Culinary Artists: Playing With Your Food"  
Created a curriculum to build culinary confidence through play and a focus on plating techniques

**Researcher, Stanford Food Design Lab** **2019 - Stanford, CA**  
Worked with Dr. Soh Kim to lead a team of students researching how Gen-Z audiences consume food media, use recipes and learn to cook (prototyped systems, published paper)

**Host & Cook, Pop-up Dinners** **current - Everywhere**  
Conceptualize and run themed dinners with hundreds of guests in multiple countries  
Lead kitchen crews of 5+ people with a focus on efficiency, personal growth, and quality food

## Design Experience

**Senior UX Engineer and Designer, TED Talks** **2019 - 2021 - NYC**  
Organized concurrent international partnerships, led weekly team meetings, created team rituals, conducted global user research, developed a new brand identity, and designed tech tools

**Lecturer, Stanford d.school** **2021 - Stanford, CA**

**Design Strategist, Urgent.Agency** **2020 - Copenhagen, Denmark**

**Design Engineering Intern, Facebook** **2019 - Menlo Park, CA**

## Education

**B.S. in Product Design, Stanford University** **Stanford, CA**