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## Top Skills

Leadership  
JavaScript  
React.js

## Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)  
French (Limited Working)

## Honors-Awards

Semifinalist in Startup Showcase

# Joseph Kowalczyk

Full stack web developer and recent Northwestern graduate  
Greater Bloomington, Illinois Area

## Summary

After a long and successful journey in the food and hospitality industry, I have decided to devote my time to full stack development.

Currently enrolled in Northwestern's full time coding boot camp! I'm looking forward to working with languages like CSS and JavaScript with Node, Express, React and Mern.

Feel free to reach out if you'd like to learn anything else about me!

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## Experience

### PrairieErth Farm

#### Production Manager

February 2020 - September 2021 (1 year 8 months)

Atlanta, Illinois, United States

I was on a mission for a career change and then COVID hit! Fortunately a farm nearby was looking for experienced help so I joined the team. I managed packaging for restaurants, grocery stores and earned the moniker "tomato guy." I ensured that from grocery stores to Michelin starred restaurants, they got the best possible product.

### Epiphany Farms Hospitality Group

2 years 10 months

#### Farm Manager

February 2019 - January 2020 (1 year)

Bloomington, Illinois, United States

I helped to manage day to day operations with fellow farm managers and the head farmer. I took care of managing all the inside and outside sales for the farm. I also learned how to farm!

### Bartender Tournant

April 2017 - February 2019 (1 year 11 months)

Bloomington, Illinois, United States

Teaching colleagues the menus and training new bartenders at each of the Epiphany Farms Hospitality Group restaurants was a highlight of my hospitality journey. Teaching the fundamentals of bartending and service to many talented individuals gave me the opportunity to hone my communication and instructional skills.

#### Nourish Technology Inc.

##### Operations Consultant

January 2016 - December 2016 (1 year)

Chicago

My position at Nourish was within the BBOX project which aimed to enhance breakfast by automating the experience while offering craft coffee beverages and serving ethical delicious food. My responsibilities for testing concepts included organizing logistics, writing menus, staffing, running pop up restaurants and analyzing the data our team gathered to improve future iterations. Working in a start up environment gave me the opportunity to be creative, autonomous, and experimental.

#### Firehouse Pizza & Bar

##### Manager

May 2015 - June 2016 (1 year 2 months)

Bloomington/Normal, Illinois Area

Curating craft beers and serving them to college students in a fast-paced environment was an exciting experience. I loved interacting with beer reps and customers alike. I managed the floor of the restaurant and was able to engage and train other servers how good hospitality transformed a good experience to a great one.

#### Duffs Dogs LLC

##### Operations Manager

May 2012 - August 2015 (3 years 4 months)

Greater Chicago Area

As Operations Manager at Duff's Dogs I had the privilege of taking on the day to day operations at a Chicago institution: a beef and hot dog stand. It gave me great pride to serve the northwest side of Chicago's Edison Park and Jeff Park with excellent service and create an environment that was friendly to workers so that they may grow, learn, and have a similar appreciation for being a part of Chicago culture.

#### Illinois State University

Study Abroad Ambassador  
August 2014 - May 2015 (10 months)  
Bloomington/Normal, Illinois Area

I had the privilege of representing the Study Abroad office at Illinois State University while I studied there. After returning from a year abroad in France, I was eager to share my experiences with students by giving presentations in front of 20-150 of my peers. I learned about the many different programs ISU offered to its students and enjoyed engaging and encouraging others to study abroad.

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## Education

Northwestern University  
Full Stack Bootcamp · (September 2021 - December 2021)

Illinois State University  
Bachelor of Science - BS, Entrepreneurial and Small Business  
Operations · (August 2011 - December 2015)

ICN Business School  
International Business · (2013 - 2014)