



Washington Duke  
Inn & Golf Club®

### **Mark Budnik Appointed Executive Sous Chef at Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club**

Durham, N.C., August 12, 2014 — Executive Chef Jason Cunningham recently announced the appointment of Mark Budnik to the coveted position of executive sous chef at the [Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club](#). The selection comes after Budnik honed his culinary craft in the Triangle and in his home state of Michigan for the last fifteen years.

Budnik's past experience includes serving as general manager of Stromboli's Express, a casual local chain restaurant with two locations in Raleigh, as well as general manager of Guardian Catering. He also spent seven years at Raleigh's North Ridge Country Club where he worked his way up from various restaurant chef positions, including banquet chef and fine dining chef, to his last role as sous chef. During his career at the North Ridge Country Club, he won the American Culinary Federation North Carolina's Chapter's Silver Medal for Hot Plate award in 2012 and 2011. His culinary background also includes positions at the Egypt Valley Country Club in Ada, Michigan and the Black Forest Baru Keller (renamed Sullivan's Black Forest Brew Haus & Grill) in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Budnik earned an associate degree in culinary arts and hospitality management at Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, Michigan (now the Secchia Institute for Culinary Education at Grand Rapids Community College). He currently lives in Raleigh with his wife Katy, who's due with their first child in September, a 3-year-old black Labrador named Autumn and a cat named Ethos.

The [Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club](#) is located on the campus of Duke University, only twenty minutes from Raleigh-Durham International Airport and ten minutes from Research Triangle Park. The Washington Duke Inn is the only AAA Four Diamond hotel in Durham and part of the *Southern Living* Hotel Collection: a small, curated group of independent, four- and five-star level hotels, resorts and inns that span 18 Southern states and offer the best in authentic Southern hospitality. Nestled on 300 acres filled with tall pines and hardwoods, the Inn is known for its beautiful facility and grounds, 271 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, marvelous cuisine in the Fairview Dining Room—winner of the AAA Four Diamond Award, 2014 Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star Award and *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence—the Bull Durham Bar,



3001 CAMERON BOULEVARD □ DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27705  
PHONE (919) 490-0999 □ FAX (919) 313-2164  
[www.washingtondukeinn.com](http://www.washingtondukeinn.com)



Washington Duke  
Inn & Golf Club®

## **Mark Budnik Appointed Executive Sous Chef at Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club/page2**

the Robert Trent Jones-designed 18-hole championship [Duke University golf course](#), and its convenience to local points of interest. It is set apart from other area hotels and conference centers by unparalleled service, a gracious staff, luxurious interiors and attention to detail. The Inn is owned by Duke University and is managed by WDI Durham Management Company of Durham, N.C. For more information or reservations call 919.490.0999 or 800.443.3853, or by visiting [washingtongdukeinn.com](http://washingtongdukeinn.com), and on Facebook at [facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn](https://facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn) and on Twitter at [twitter.com/washingtongduke](https://twitter.com/washingtongduke).

###

### **Media Contacts:**

Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club  
Jack Schmidt, Director of Sales and Marketing  
919.313.2159 or e-mail: [jschmidt@wdigc.com](mailto:jschmidt@wdigc.com)

Op5 Creative, Public Relations  
Wendy Shannon  
770.226.0442 or e-mail: [wshannon@opfivcreative.com](mailto:wshannon@opfivcreative.com)

**For Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club images, go to:**  
[http://www.washingtongdukeinn.com/About\\_Us/Press\\_Releases/Download\\_Photos.asp](http://www.washingtongdukeinn.com/About_Us/Press_Releases/Download_Photos.asp). **For logos, please contact one of the media contacts listed above.**



3001 CAMERON BOULEVARD □ DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27705  
PHONE (919) 490-0999 □ FAX (919) 313-2164  
[www.washingtongdukeinn.com](http://www.washingtongdukeinn.com)