

## Cooking Up a Future, Patrick Loomis's Culinary Journey

On Thursday, Sept. 25, I spoke with Patrick Loomis about his passion for cooking and his future career. Loomis, 22, is a senior at CU Boulder majoring in anthropology with a minor in Journalism.

Loomis developed a special bond with cooking as a child. He found inspiration in his father, for whom cooking “was everything,” Loomis said. His father, a chef in New York City, often cooked with him and family dinners were always an “event,” he said.

Cooking has been an outlet for his passion and creativity since childhood and he hopes to pursue a career as a chef.

Although Loomis is studying anthropology he doesn't think he will try for a career in his major. As a teenager, he worked in restaurants front-of-house positions, gaining firsthand experience of the restaurant lifestyle. He is unsure if he will attend culinary school or if he will jump straight into working in a kitchen, but he knows his goal.

When asked if he had considered owning his own restaurant one day, Loomis said it's not something he thinks about in the near future but “that's always something on my mind.”

Loomis said he is excited for his adventure in the culinary world. No matter what route he takes he says, he has “gained so much genuine joy from cooking.”

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