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Some of the most memorable moments in **Steven Bennis'** life came from large family functions, where food brought people together. With an agricultural background and a long line of chefs in the family, he enjoyed and understood the need for high quality meals. Whether it was the fact he loved to eat or seeing the smiles of family and friends, cooking was in his blood.

Shortly after graduating culinary school, Steve met Olaf Mertens, 1 of only a few master chefs in Canada, who mentored Steve in various locations in the greater Toronto area. Steven realized he was always training staff, and after developing a sense of the industry's demands for a skilled labour market, he chose to continue his career as a full-time professor.

Steven has been a faculty member at Fleming College since 2000. He challenges students to put the most into their education (and career goals) so that they may be successful in today's marketplace.

Steven also volunteers as a technical chair and expert with the Skills Canada Organization on a regional, provincial and national level to promote culinary competitions for high school and post-secondary students.

