



# ANNIKA ANDERSON: CHEF OF THE FUTURE

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You might be familiar with Annika Anderson for her creation Coobrif, which is a cookie, brownie, and muffin hybrid. Or you may know her from her win on Master Confectioner.

But there is so much more about this girl that you may not know.

On March 8, 2000, Annika Anderson, originally Annika Mavrichovits, was born in Trieste, Slovenia. At the age of five, her parents relocated her and her three brothers to Miami, Florida.

Once in Florida, her father opened *New World Bakery*, where she and her brothers worked. This is where her passion for baking manifested.

As Anderson was working, she realized that she had a gift, so, when she turned eighteen, she decided to go to culinary school.

In culinary school, Anderson quickly realized that she did not like making entrées; however, she did realize that she had a passion for creating confectionary sweets.

Let us look into the life of Chef Annika Anderson, and see how she rose to stardom.

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**“Anyone can become a chef if you put your mind to it. And, of course... lessons help.”**

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Above  
Selfie taken by Chef Annika  
Anderson.



Above  
Chef Anderson is perfecting her new  
chocolate chip cookie recipe.

This revelation caused her to promptly drop out of culinary school and to become the apprentice of the local confectioner Mario Jimenez in his shop, *The Sweet Tooth*.

During this time, Mario Jimenez taught Anderson everything he knew.

When Anderson turned twenty she made a decision that would change her life forever.

A week after Anderson's twenty birthday, she decided to try out for Master Confectioner.

Once Anderson was accepted, she moved to Los Angeles and worked for months on the show. Once the show was over, she became the winner and won the entire competition.

Not only did Anderson win \$100,000, but she also won the chance to train and work with the best confectioners around the world.

During her training in London, the Master Confectioner William Hugh asked Anderson if she would like to open a shop with him.

Anderson gratefully accepted and now she and Hugh are working on opening their store, *Closest Thing to Heaven on Earth*.

“No matter where you are from, your dreams are valid.”



“To live is to be passionate, so find what you are passionate about and live your life to the fullest.”