



DISCOVERING HIDDEN TALENTS

by Irene Lunt



(L to R) Deborah Bitfulco and Irene Lunt in Culinary

My name is Irene Lunt, and I am stepping out of my comfort zone and trying something new at Academy at Bradenton: the Culinary team! Since becoming a member of Academy at Glengary in 2021, I've always worked the Business and Technology team, but I wanted to challenge myself with something new. Funny, I never realized that I have a knack for cooking! I still have a lot to learn, but, who knows, I might be the next Julia Child with a dash of this or a dash of that! I live in an assisted living facility, so I don't get a chance to cook at home, but the Academy gives me a chance to shine. I surprised myself by taking on a new task and finding out that I can do it!

I plan on learning a lot of new recipes as I build my skills and confidence in the kitchen. Maybe we will open a new restaurant someday. All my friends will eat the special food that I make and will wonder where I learned to cook so well. They will have the Academy to thank. I know I do every single day.

WARM WELCOME TO SARA JENSON

by Sara Jenson

Hello! My name is Sara Jenson and I am so privileged to have a place like the Academy of Bradenton to go to! My independent living coach, Melissa Tuller of Volunteers of America, connected me with the Academy.



My work history involves 6.5 years of medical office work, and many years of full and then part time retail work. I am really good at cleaning, sorting, and clutter busting, however I haven't been so good at monetizing that skill so far.

My grown daughter and her family live in Wesley Chapel. Helping my daughter with her toddler is one of my greatest joys. I also love to write fiction and I love using watercolors to paint children with Madonnas.

The Academy is an awesome place to learn cooking, attend groups, meet potential friends and good acquaintances!



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Members and staff visit S-One Studios and receive a tour

EXPLORING S-ONE STUDIOS

by Jake Whitmer

My experience at S-One Studios was incredible. Our Multimedia & Design team recently took a tour, and the place is massive! They have everything you can imagine: a film/video studio, a podcast studio with lights that change colors, and both have green screens so you can add any background you want. It was so cool to see in person.

The team at S-One Studios even invited us back to learn how to use their high-tech equipment, film some video projects, and start an Academy podcast — something we've been talking about for a while! I've edited and made a few videos since joining the Academy, so I'm really excited to go back and learn even more.

I also love working on print design here at the Academy. Some of the things I've helped with include designing logos (I made the logo for "The Sky is the Limit" skit for our telethon), the weekly calendar, and the weekly menu.

I can't wait to go back and tour the print side of S-One Studios, too! They even partner with big companies like LexJet. What a cool and inspiring place.



(L to R) Members Ian Churchill and Trevor Houlroyd mic'd up and S-One staff Heather Reece at the soundboard

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