

# Get to know us



## John Colacioppo, Owner

- Builder/Trade sales
- Appliance Service

John received his BS in Construction Science & Management from Clemson University and his Assoc. in

Civil Engineering Technology from Greenville Tech. Before coming to The Cook's Station to help his wife run the business, John worked as a project manager for Potter-Shackelford and Manhattan Construction.

John is a US Marine Veteran of the Gulf War and has a working beer tap beside his office.

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## Kelly Ballentine Colacioppo, Owner

- Appliance Sales
- Retail Sales

After graduating from Winthrop College in Business Management,

Kelly returned to Greenville where she worked in the family business, Ballentine Equipment Company. In 1997, she opened The Cook's Station and in 2011 added a second appliance showroom. Kelly and John have two children, Nicholas and Anna.

Kelly is an avid runner and chocolate aficionado.

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## Kevin Crowe , Appliance Mgr/Sales

- Appliance Sales
- Appliance Procurement

Kevin graduated from the University of South Carolina with his BS in Criminal

Justice. Kevin's worked with Kelly here at The Cook's Station over 9 years. When not working, he likes basketball, exercising, and anything outdoors. Kevin has two daughters, Katie and Presley.

Sorry ladies, but Kevin has just announced he's engaged!

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## Karan Marsh, Designer/Sales

- Kitchen Designer
- Appliance Sales

Karen graduated cum laude from Converse College with a BFA in Interior Design. She worked as an architectural designer for 10 years and has been an interior designer with a focus on kitchen design for 11 years. Karen joined The Cook's Station in 2010. She also happens to be a fabulous cook! In fact, she does a lot of cooking for the store, from cooking demos to private events to sous chef for visiting authors!

Karen is married to Ed and has a daughter Katie, son Eric, cat Rudy, and fish Melvin.

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## **Julie Jester, Accting & Retail Manager**

- Accounting
- Retail Manager
- Special orders

After relocating to Greenville from New York, Julie and her

husband opened and ran their own restaurant Carolina Bagel Company for ten years. She is an experienced accountant and holds her Quick Books Pro Advisor Certification. Julie oversees our accounting, retail purchasing and the culinary part of the business. Did we mention she's also an excellent cook! Julie teaches her own cooking classes at the store, leads cooking demos in the store and at the TD Saturday Market (with her own recipe creations), and manages our private events and class schedule.

Julie is married with two daughters, Lindsay and Katie. Check our website for her recipes!

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## **Sandy Ervin, Marketing Manager**

- Advertising
- Website

Sandy graduated from the University of South Carolina in Advertising Management. She spent most of her career at Henderson Advertising

in Media Planning and Buying, and then took off a couple years to spend more time with her children. She's been at The Cook's Station since 2009 handling their marketing, public relations and website. Sandy is married to Joe and has two girls, Lanie and Larson.

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## **Jenelle Hatch, Retail Floor Manager**

- Retail Sales

Jenelle graduated from North Carolina State. She spent 25 years as a school teacher. After retiring from education and moving to Greenville,

she began working for The Cook's Station. She quickly moved up to become our Retail Floor Manager and not only has intimate knowledge of the products in the gadget/kitchen tool side of the company but shops the Market twice/year with Julie and Kelly to select new items for the store.

Jenelle says teaching children and teens has prepared her well for working with the staff here.

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