



Melanie Delcourt
General Manager, The James

Melanie Delcourt is the General Manager of The James, her second post with The Neighborhood Dining Group after serving as Assistant General Manager of Minero since 2022. She brings a hands-on attitude, extensive culinary chops, and ample enthusiasm for hospitality to her role. Born and raised in Windham, Maine, Delcourt has fond memories of spending time in the kitchen learning how to cook from her grandfather, grandmother, and mother. She set her sights high and earned a bachelor's degree from the prestigious Culinary Institute of America before moving to St. Petersburg, Florida with Marriott Hotels.

After a stint in Charlotte, North Carolina, Delcourt continued to grow with Marriott Hotels and landed in Charleston, South Carolina. There, she began working with Chef Vivian Howard's team, opening Handy & Hot and Lenoir and further fueling her passion for the industry.

Delcourt cites her strong relationships with her coworkers as one of her proudest accomplishments throughout her career. As a manager, she is not above getting her hands dirty and is always ready to jump in to help with anything from slinging drinks behind the bar to slipping on her kitchen shoes and manning a station if the team is down a cook. She is especially excited about continuing to be the voice of the restaurant's social media channels, a new skill she has honed over the past few years.

In her free time, Delcourt enjoys going for runs, road trips, and relaxing on the beach with her black lab, Millie. She also likes antiquing, where she hunts for vintage Pyrex dishes to add to her robust collection.