How long have you been cooking?
12 years

Where did you study?
California Culinary Academy

What is your signature dish?
Vietnamese Claypot Catfish (try it at SuperGood Kitchen!)

What are 3-5 kitchen ingredients or tools you cannot live without?
Olive oil, Fish Sauce, Salt, Lemon, Charcoal Grill

What is your favorite cooking tip?
Understand what ‘good’ is before you try to achieve it.

What is your favorite dish to cook at home?
My mom’s spaghetti (it’s on the menu at Paper Plane, also in Downtown San Jose!)

If you could cook a meal for anyone, whom would you love to cook for?
My family & friends.

What are some of your favorite things about downtown San Jose?
San Jose has so much potential, especially in the culinary sense. It’s a perfect mix of urban and suburbia. You can see it reflected in its food where you get the inventiveness of a metropolitan dining scene, but also restaurants with the authenticity you find in common households.

Do you have a cooking tradition or a family dish?
Every other Christmas, our whole family gathers at my mom’s house, and we pick a cuisine from a specific region of the world, and do an entire spread dedicated to that region.