

QUINCYAN OF THE WEEK!



Ryan Hutmacher is the son of Marlene & Bob Dittmer and Mike & Barb Hutmacher. He attended St Peter's and St Dominic's grade schools and graduated from Quincy Notre Dame in 1997. He graduated from Illinois State University with a B.S. in Public Relations and Kendall College with an A.S. in Culinary Arts.



When asked about Quincy, Ryan says he thinks of: "‘Tradition.’ Though Quincy has grown since I moved away, it still has the quaint charm that is reminiscent of my childhood. First and foremost are the restaurants, which give me my nostalgic fix in the form of a Maid Rite or even cheese soup at Kelly’s. Then of course are the festivals and sporting events. Whether it is high school football or Gus Macker, they mark the seasons of yet another year gone by. Lastly, tradition in Quincy is best realized in the legacy of family names that are rooted there. No

matter where I go or who I meet, people always reference knowing someone from Quincy. And most of the time I recognize the last name. Quincy has always been a generational city with deep rooted heritages. It is great to see that whether we still live in Quincy or move on, we make an impression on people."

Ryan has made his home in Chicago where he is the Founder and Owner of *Centered Chef* culinary studio which is an innovative learning center. Crain's Business Chicago awarded him with "A Day in the Life of an Entrepreneur" for small businesses. As an Ironman competitor he is a principal of *F.I.T. City Chicago*, along with Asst. Surgeon General, Dr. James Galloway and celebrity chef, Art Smith. Ryan finished Ironman Cozumel 2009, a 140.2 mile triathlon that he finished in 13 hours and 9 minutes.



When Ryan isn't training for a marathon or a triathlon, he is playing beach volleyball, traveling, dining out, volunteering for *Gilda's Club Cancer Support Center* or practicing yoga. There is also that once a year golf game with Dad, where he claims to lose gracefully. In his spare time he is a regular guest and chef expert on WGN, CLTV and Fox television.



Hutmacher's advice to others is to "Take Risks" and to follow the advice given to him "If you always do what you've always done, then you'll always get what you've always gotten."

QuincyBuzz is proud to feature such a successful young man and happy that he calls Quincy his hometown!