

***Date Night into Dream Job: Exclusive Interview with General Manager of Tanzy Restaurant, Darren Schnagel***



**1. What are your thoughts on the Viner Scholars Foundation?**

“I believe that the foundation is doing extraordinary work. Eda and Cliff are dedicating their time and resources to give people who are less fortunate an opportunity to change their own lives as well as their families- I think that’s incredible. The foundation is doing a remarkable job and is going to change thousands of lives.”

**2. What is your role at Tanzy’s?**

“My role at Tanzy’s is the General Manager. I’m responsible for the first floor of iPic Entertainment, Tanzy Restaurant. I manage the day to day operations and a team of about 110 members. My main role is to help the staff and other managers on the team to be successful. “

**3. What is your favorite part of the job?**

“My favorite part is developing other people, giving people who have never managed or perhaps are new at managing or to “the biz” an opportunity to grow. Equally, I’m passionate about providing a great experience for our guests. We really look for opportunities to be extraordinary.”

**4. Describe a day in the life as general manager.**

“Typically, I get to the restaurant at 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning and spend time planning the day, that could mean spending time with some of the team members,

holding interviews, planning out reservations, it really just depends. Then, the rest of the day is just really taking care of our guests and supporting our team members. Quite a bit of the staff is looking to have a career with iPic Entertainment or within the hospitality industry. Because of that I have an opportunity every day, every week to invest in them and do what I can to help them grow in their career.”

**5. Where did you study and what did you major in?**

“I went to college at Nova University and Broward College and I studied Business Administration.”

**6. How did you get involved with iPic Entertainment, particularly Tanzy’s?**

“Well, I’ve been dining here with my wife for several years and this was and still is a great date spot. We come and have dinner at Tanzy, go up to the theater and see a film. We even bring our kids sometimes. So, when an opportunity for employment came up for the company I applied, got the job, and here I am!”