Visit Monticello and be inspired by the skill and resilience of the enslaved people who lived and labored here.

In Monticello’s kitchens, you’ll learn about the stories of skilled chefs like Peter and James Hemings, Edith Fossett and Ursula Granger.

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“As we build a better future, we should also learn from the past. As a chef, I am fascinated by the way food often tells the forgotten stories of those who came before us — people who brought the best of the world to the heart of America. Monticello doesn’t just tell a story about chefs or about ancient history. It’s a story about how this country, its past and its future, is built by people whose own stories have been ignored for too long.”

— Chef José Andrés