

A Syrian Father “Zaher Kedeh” recalls his childhood in Damascus, Syria, and how he discovered a passion for cooking. Zaher wasn’t academically gifted so he decided to leave school and pursue his passion before he eventually ran a dessert shop selling Baklavas at age 19. After owning two successful restaurants and a catering company, Zaher’s businesses were at risk of being shut down following the Syrian War in 2011. The family immigrated to several neighboring countries looking for jobs and safety before they eventually landed in Canada in 2015 after earning a sponsorship. After facing hardships in their early days in Canada, the family now runs a restaurant known as “Zain Al-Sham” in the Greater Toronto Area. The Son “Abdullah Kedeh” talks about dropping out of College to help his parents manage their business out of his love and respect for them. The father talks about how proud he is of his son and both expressed their feelings about The Canadian dream and how much the Canadian Government supported them throughout their journey.