



Iris Robert, 24, Chef

An exotic beauty, she's half French, half Korean and 100 percent fascinating. Born in San Francisco into the famed Robert restaurant clan, she was raised in Belmont and attended UC Santa Cruz before transferring to Tufts to complete her BA. As chef de cuisine at Petit Robert Bistro in the South End, she's a rising star in the culinary world who enjoys trying new restaurants and says, "The one thing I've always dreamt for in a man is that he can cook." Fluent in French and Spanish, her hobbies include photography, and she never leaves the house without her camera. Out on the town, she's usually on the dance floor, and she takes West African and hip-hop dance classes. Besides working 13-hour days behind a 500-degree stove, she does yoga and jogs, but two of her major passions are skateboarding and snowboarding (which she tries to do at least once a week, in addition to an annual trip that will take her to the Alps this year). Last year, she volunteered to teach inner-city kids how to snowboard. An avid traveler, she has an English Staffordshire bull terrier named Chunk with whom she loves going to the beach any time of year. Like her, most of her friends are artists of some sort, and she enjoys galleries and museums. With a seemingly limitless array of interests and the energy of a nuclear reactor, she's gorgeous, fun and spontaneous, and any guy who could keep up with her would need to be equally impressive.

Danny Forster, 30, Architect

As host of the Discovery Channel's *Build It Bigger* and the forthcoming Science Channel series *Build It Greener*, he travels the globe exploring some of the world's largest and most complex engineering and architectural marvels. He's also the founder and principal of dkf Architecture, a firm which designs and builds sustainable architecture, and has projects underway in Michigan, New Jersey and New York. Born in Brooklyn, he was raised in Tenafly, N.J., and was president of his high school debate team before attending Wesleyan. From there, it was on to Harvard's Graduate School of Design, where he earned several awards and accolades. Although a former high school wrestler, he doesn't have much time for sports, but his hobbies include going to museums and wandering cities, admiring the architecture. Next fall, he'll begin teaching graduate-level architecture. Lauded as a public speaker, he lives with two cats, one of whom can play fetch. There's nothing more attractive than a searing intellect, and this guy's as smart as they come.

Amy Leydon, 33, Yoga Instructor

Grace and beauty accompanied by humor and strength, she was born and raised in Palmer, Mass., and attended Fitchburg State College—a fact she's proud of because "it's a reminder that you don't have to go to Harvard to be successful." A former TV producer for Boston's WB, she was nominated for an Emmy three times and won once for writing. She's now a yoga instructor at several of the city's top venues (Exhale and the Sports Club/L.A.). Avidly sought after as a private teacher, her client list reads like a Who's Who, and her acolytes often develop into friends. A serious traveler, she's been on safari in Tanzania and is going to Belize this month. Hiking, running and reading are major hobbies, and when she's out and about, she's probably catching some live music or theater. A special pleasure is going to a movie on a weekday afternoon, to see a film that offers its audience something to think about instead of just a place to eat popcorn. Spending as much time at the beach as possible is a priority, as is the search for the best margarita in town. In terms of charity, she's donated her time to such organizations as YogaHope, Pathways to Wellness, the DMSE Foundation and the Fit Girl program. She has a cat named Ozzy, so she takes exception to anyone who wants to have the "Are you a dog or a cat person?" conversation. Add to the package that she's quick-witted and loves to laugh, and we say, "Namaste, baby!"