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A BAKER'S DOZEN COMPETE TO BE TLC'S NEXT GREAT BAKER
13 Contestants vying for \$100,000 prize and chance to work at Carlo's Bakery

Buddy "Cake Boss" Valastro is looking for the NEXT GREAT BAKER and 13 aspiring cake artists are entering the kitchen to see if can bake their way to the top. At stake: the sweet prize of \$100,000, a four-page feature in Brides Magazine, and a chance to work side-by-side with Buddy and his team at Carlo's Bakery.

The 10-episode season kicks off with a special 90-minute premiere on Monday, November 28 at 9pm ET/PT. The season one finale – which crowned Dana Hebert the winner – averaged 2.34 million viewers, up +67% from its series debut.

"This season is bigger and better – we've doubled the prize, the challenges are tougher, and there's a seasoned 'bakers dozen' fighting it out to prove to me they have what it takes to hang with the Carlo's crew," said Buddy Valastro.

This season's contestants include:

Ryan Cimorelli, Providence, RI

30 years old; Owner, The Bakery Boutique in Smithfield, RI.

Meet Ryan: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-ryan.html>

Wesley Durden, Fayetteville NC

29 years old; Active serviceman with 82nd Airborn Division, based at Fort Bragg.

Meet Wesley: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-wesley.html>

Chad Fitzgerald, Duncanville, TX

44 years old; Owner of THE CAKE GUYS in Dallas and Duncanville, TX; also a High School Math Teacher.

Meet Chad: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-chad.html>

Jasmine Frank, Los Angeles, CA

20 years old; Owner of Jazzy Cakes

Meet Jasmine: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-jasmine.html>

Tony Frys, Forth Worth, TX

23 years old; a co-owner of "The Sugar Art"

Meet Tony: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-tony.html>

Heather Grubb, Knoxville, TN

31 years old; owner of Cake of Knoxville.

Meet Heather: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-heather-g.html>

Megan Hart, Pittsburgh PA

38 years old; works as a paramedic for the city of Pittsburgh.

Meet Megan: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-megan.html>

Marissa Lopez, Pompton Lakes NJ

24 years old; Cake decorator at the Brownstone in Patterson NJ and small business owner.

Meet Marissa: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-marissa.html>

Heather Macia, Las Vegas, NV

32 years old; a culinary school graduate, she currently works as an exotic dancer.

Meet Heather: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-heather-m.html>

Carmelo Oquendo, Worcester, MA

43 years old; a retired Gang Unit Police Officer and now the "Cakefather of Worcester."

Meet Carmello: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-carmello.html>

Nadine Reibeling, New York, NY

28 years old; owner of Lolly Love, LLC, and also works in catering sales for a hotel.

Meet Nadine: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-nadine.html>

Minerva Vazquez, Miami, FL

46 years old; a personal chef and cake artist

Meet Minerva: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-minerva.html>

Sara Williams, Cedartown, GA

39 years old; owner of a bakery, Crickette's Cakes

Meet Sara: <http://tlc.discovery.com/videos/next-great-baker-season-2-contestants-sara.html>

The series fan site can be found at <http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/tv/next-great-baker>.

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