Derek began working in the fitness industry in 2003. He started in DC, then moved to Massachusetts where he interned with the Patriots for six months, and then settled back in Virginia. He is an NSCA certified strength & conditioning specialist and an ACE certified personal trainer. For Derek, form, function, and alignment are key. He also loves creativity and building good relationships with those he trains.

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