



# MICHAEL ANDERSON

## Senior Blade Smith

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### SUMMARY

Distinguished Blade Smith with an exemplary record in the art of blade forging, showcasing a profound understanding of metallurgy and design principles. Specializing in custom blade production for both functional and decorative purposes, this professional has consistently delivered products that exceed client expectations. Expertise lies in the integration of traditional techniques with modern innovations, ensuring the creation of blades that are not only aesthetically pleasing but also pragmatically efficient.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Senior Blade Smith Steel & Fire Forge

Jan 2023 - Present

- Designed and forged high-quality knives and swords for culinary and martial arts applications.
- Utilized advanced heat treatment processes to enhance blade durability and performance.
- Implemented quality assurance protocols to ensure adherence to industry standards.
- Conducted workshops to train apprentices in traditional forging techniques.
- Collaborated with designers to develop unique blade patterns and finishes.
- Managed inventory and procurement of raw materials, ensuring cost-effectiveness.

#### Blade Smith Heritage Blades Co.

Jan 2020 - Dec 2022

- Created custom blades tailored to specific client specifications, enhancing customer satisfaction.
- Maintained precision in measurements and cuts to ensure a flawless blade geometry.
- Engaged in community outreach to promote the art of blade smithing.
- Participated in national competitions, achieving recognition for exceptional craftsmanship.
- Assisted in developing a new line of eco-friendly blades using sustainable materials.
- Documented processes and techniques to improve operational efficiency.

### EDUCATION

#### Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts, Artisan Craftsmanship, University of Artisan Studies, 2014

Sep 2019 - Oct 2020

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Technical Skills:** metallurgy, blade design, heat treatment, project management, quality control, mentoring
- Awards/Activities:** Awarded 'Best Artisan Bladesmith' at the National Craftsmanship Awards 2020.
- Awards/Activities:** Increased production efficiency by 30% through process optimization.
- Awards/Activities:** Successfully launched a new product line that generated a 50% increase in sales within the first year.
- Languages:** English, Spanish, French