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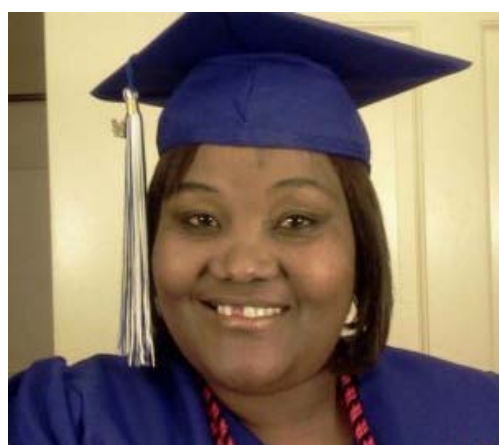
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Boitshwarelo Graffius, a February graduate of The Pennsylvania School of Culinary Arts, will represent the Republic of Botswana in the 6th annual Embassy Chef Challenge gala on Thursday in Washington, D.C.

Graffius, a 43-year-old Botswana native who came to the United States through marriage, applied to the pastry arts program at The Pennsylvania School of Culinary Arts at YTI Career Institute — Lancaster after seeing an ad on TV, according to a press release. Although the language barrier was a challenge at first, Graffius was committed to pursuing her dream of baking.

After graduation, she secured a job at the Embassy of the Republic of Botswana in Washington, D.C., where she works a few days a week. For the Embassy Chef Challenge, she'll compete against 14 other chefs representing embassies from around the world.

Graffius, who lives in Mount Joy, has been working closely with her former instructors at PSCA to develop a small-plates menu for 500 people that will showcase her country's traditional specialties.

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