

# Capsicum and The Private Hotel School partner with youth travel specialists OVC

Local culinary food and hospitality institutions, Capsicum Culinary Studio (CCS) and The Private Hotel School (PHS), have partnered with youth travel specialists OVC to give their students the opportunity to work in hotels and resorts in the US for 12 months in paid internships.



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Students at both schools, who have completed or will complete a one-year certificate in professional cookery or certificate in hospitality management this year, have the opportunity to fill one of 150 spots available for 2020 when OVC visit the schools' campuses later this year to interview potential candidates.

Those who are enrolling for both the Capsicum and Private Hotel School July intake will be eligible to be interviewed by OVC and could be working in the US on completion of their course in July next year.

The registration day for both CCS and PHS for the July intake takes place on Saturday, June 29 in the morning. But all campuses are open every Saturday morning from 9h00 to noon for enquiries about this programme. Those who qualify will then be able to include international experience to their portfolio after the paid work experience in top establishments such as Gaylord Hotels, Great Wolf Lodge or McQuire Resorts.

## Broadening horizons for SA youth

Mthatha-born chef Wandile Mabija graduated from Capsicum Culinary Studio's Port Elizabeth campus in 2017 and found himself a year later at the Fairmont Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas. "It was a shock at first due to everything being new to me - from the food and the people and even the fact that they drive on the right-hand side of the road. However, it was such an amazing experience which allowed me to broaden my horizons and taught me so much."

Capsicum and Private Hotel School MD, Renee Hill says: "It's an opportunity for people to change the course of their life, as hospitality is one of the fastest growing employment industries providing career opportunities globally, as well as in South Africa."

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