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Amogelang 'Amo' Ramutloa has fond memories of cooking with her grandmother. Then later, using these cooking skills as a means to avoid getting into trouble with her parents. Amo says food has always been a passion in her life, and that she was destined for a career in food and catering.

"My passion **really, really** sparked in high school when I won a cooking competition," says Amo, founder of *Married to Food*, a catering, private chef and menu consulting business she runs from her home in Pretoria East.

"When I was in Grade 9 (2013) I baked scones and sold them to close family and friends. So, I would say that I started *Married to Food* as early as then," says Amo. And adds that her father registered her company in 2015, when she was in Grade 11.

After attaining a culinary arts qualification from the International Hotel School in 2018, Amo cut her teeth in the restaurant trade where the owner of a Pretoria based eatery gave her complete freedom in the kitchen. This is where she developed most of her skills.

Her passion for food took her to Kentucky. No not KFC, but rather the state in the United States of America. Working in the restaurant at Bardstown Bourbon she learnt the art of infusing food and bourbon, a skill she uses in her own kitchen.

Amo's plans to use the knowledge and training she received as a **Metropolitan Collective Shaper** to grow *Married to Food* so that she can employ and uplift the people in her community by providing them with full-time work.

"In the future I'd really like my brand to be in different provinces, changing the lives of people who come in contact with us - whether it is the staff or client. I want the service I offer to make a positive impact by filling stomachs and leaving people with smiles on their faces," she says.

Follow Amo on [Instagram](#) and keep up with this culinary artist as she takes her business to the next level.

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