FRANCOIS BOTHA

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SUMMARY

Dependable hands-on worker with experience in hospitality, retail, facilities and systems maintenance, landscaping, and agricultural operations. Comfortable on the tools, with customers, and in kitchens or stores that need to stay clean and running. Also an Electrical Engineering student at Arizona State University. Seeking restaurant, maintenance, facilities, or other general work.

SKILLS

Hospitality & kitchen: Dish pit and flight dishwasher; prep and pantry cook (desserts, salads, sandwiches); banquet prep; hot-food station; walk-in and floor cleaning; trash, recycling, and compost

Retail: Cashier and customer assistance; receiving and checking in orders; restocking; store, equipment, and restroom cleaning

Maintenance & trades: Building and housing maintenance; electrical and plumbing repair; irrigation, pumps, piping, boreholes, and reservoirs; fencing; basic welding; woodwork; wiring

Grounds & equipment: Lawn mowing and weed-eating; 100-foot defensible-space / fire-code clearance; operation and upkeep of heavy machinery

Other: Food Handler Certificate (Responsible Training, ANAB-accredited, valid through Oct 2029); labor coordination; livestock handling; valid driver license

WORK EXPERIENCE

Contract Prep Cook *October 2026–Present*
Instawork — Sodexo Live! / 1883 Provision Co. at Darrell K Royal–Texas Memorial Stadium, Austin, TX

- ~10 gameday/event prep-cook shifts for Texas Athletics catering under Chef Robert Felios III.
- Produce prep, station support, and sanitation for stadium culinary service.

Prep Cook, Cold Kitchen *September–October 2020*
Scofield Catering & Management — Creek Fire base camp, North Fork, California

- Prepared and portioned cold-kitchen items for firefighters on a mobile base-camp kitchen during the Creek Fire response (about three weeks).

Dishwasher, then Prep and Pantry Cook *April 2018 – June 2019*
Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite — Delaware North Parks and Resorts

- Dishwasher (Apr–Aug 2018): flight dishwasher, floors, walk-ins, trash / recycling / compost.
- Prep and pantry cook (Aug 2018–Jun 2019): desserts, salads, sandwiches, and banquet prep.

Sales Associate *2018–2019 and Nov 2019–Feb 2020*
7-Eleven and 76 — Oakhurst, California

- Customer checkout, receiving, restocking, hot-food prep, and store / equipment / restroom cleaning.

Landscape / Fire-Clearance (Self-Employed) *June 2019 – August 2019*
North Fork / Sierra foothills, California

- Mowed yards, weed-ate overgrowth, and cleared 100-foot defensible space to meet state fire code.

Shareholder and Director — Operations & Maintenance *2008 – 2022*
Elfravalei Landgoed Pty Ltd (Elfra Valley Estates) — Kroonstad, Free State, South Africa

- Family agricultural holding. Hands-on through 2016; from 2017 mainly silent shareholder and technical advisor. Sold August 2022.
- Building, electrical, plumbing, irrigation, water supply (boreholes, pumps, pipelines, reservoirs), fencing, heavy machinery, cattle work, and labor coordination.

Research and Laboratory Assistant *June 2013 – August 2013*
Materials Science Laboratory, University of KwaZulu-Natal

- Maintained lab equipment, assisted postgraduate researchers, and helped build new experimental apparatus.

EDUCATION

B.S.E., Electrical Engineering (Electric Power and Energy Systems), Arizona State University — expected 2027
Studies toward B.Eng., Electronic Engineering, University of Pretoria — 2009–2015 (did not graduate; 99 hours transferred to ASU)
National Senior Certificate, Christian Brothers' College Mount Edmund, Pretoria — 2008