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Chef Evelyn Stokes is a Detroit-based culinary educator and entrepreneur whose work bridges culinary arts, wellness, and community engagement. She is the founder of Evelyn's Midtown Kitchen, a cooking school and teaching kitchen in Detroit's historic Eastern Market, offering hands-on cooking classes that celebrate diverse cuisines, nutrition, and human connection. Chef Stokes holds degrees from the University of Michigan (B.A.), Schoolcraft College (A.A. in culinary arts), and the University of Phoenix (M.B.A.). Her classical French training and experience at New York's Bar Boulud shape her refined yet accessible approach to food education. Her leadership has earned numerous honors, including the 2025 Hatch Detroit Top 10 Finalist, 2025 Motor City Match Design Awardee (\$25K), 2025 Motor City Match Cash Awardee, 2024 Detroit Means Business Grant Recipient (\$25K), and recognition as the 2025 Detroit Lion Small Business of the Game. She is also a Certified Business Facilitator at Build Institute and a 2025 Cohort Member of the Hospitality Training Institute of Michigan.