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Tandy Elisala is certified professional success coach, mindset mentor, best-selling author, and motivational speaker. She is the founder and chief inspiration officer of the Center for Inspiring Greatness. Tandy is passionate about empowering entrepreneurs to lead their business like a “rockstar” CEO. Prior to founding her company, she spent over twenty-five years in the corporate world and also served six years as a vice president for university services and campus services for the respective universities; University of Phoenix and Education Management Corporation (Argosy University, South University, Art Institutes). She helped the University of Phoenix grow and scale from 13k - 480k students while saving millions in costs and having one of the most highly engaged team across the organization. As an author, her works include *365 Life Shifts*, *365 Moments of Grace*, *365 Ways to Connect to your Soul*, *Chocolate & Diamonds for the Women’s Soul*, *Healing Through the Chaos: Practical Care Giving*, and *Superwoman Myths Break The Rules of Silence and Speak up Your Truth*. Tandy has spoken in front of audiences of 10 – 3,000 on a wide range of personal and professional development topics as well as higher education related topics and presented at a number of workshops such as *Leadership: Great Leaders, Great Teams, Great Results, Working at Speed of Trust, Leading at the Speed of Trust, World Class Service, Goal Setting Tips: How to Set and Achieve Goals*, and *Living Your Life Powerfully and Living a Life You Love* by the Pacific Association of Collegiate Registrar’s and Admissions Officers (PACRAO), where she was nominated as *Best Session Presenter*. Well respected for her knowledge and dedication, Tandy attributes her success to integrity, ambition, and perseverance. She is a four-time cancer survivor who never gave up on her dreams. At one point Tandy left her corporate career to take care of both parents unexpectedly for 2 ½ years until their respective deaths while raising her three children as single parent. A firm be-



liever in the importance of education, she obtained a bachelor’s degree in management with an emphasis on HR and master’s degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix. She is a certified Advanced Clinical Hypnotherapist (ACH), Clinical Hypnotist (CHT), and Thought Field Therapy (TFT) practitioner. She is a member of the National Speakers Association (NSA) and The Conscious Community (TCC). Tandy was a certified Franklin Covey Facilitator in six content areas. Tandy maintains an active profile in the local community and supports the Oral Cancer Foundation. She is also on the board of Gideons Group, a non-profit organization, which is dedicated to helping people with depression manage their symptoms. In her spare time, she enjoys movies, dancing, painting, yoga, and being with her children, Amanda, Sarah, and Steven. Tandy is available to lead, co-lead or be a featured guest expert speaker at your live event, tele-seminar, webinar, podcast, radio or TV show on the topics of family care giving, overcoming adversity, and gratitude. Tandy is also available as a writer for print media. If you are ready to hire the perfect virtual assistant, grab your free guide to “5 Tips for Hiring The Perfect Virtual Assistant” at <http://www.tandyelisala.com/vaguide>. You can contact Tandy at tandy@tandyelisala.com and learn more at <http://tandyelisala.com>

Lisa Holton is the co-founder and chief executive officer of Working Media Group, a dynamic Atlanta-based national media buying and planning company. Lisa joined the Working Media Group team as they expanded into the Atlanta market, bringing over fifteen years of experience in the media and marketing industry. She is responsible for all daily operations of the company as well as optimizing media campaigns and incorporating evolving marketing strategies into client’s media plans. Lisa has successfully implemented marketing strategies across many different industries including financial, B2B, diet, pet, and consumer package goods. Throughout her career, she has been the recipient of a number of prestigious honors including recognition as one of Atlanta’s *Top 40 Under 40 Business Executives* in 2012. Well respected for her expertise and dedication, Lisa attributes her success to diligence, persistence, and growing up in a small town, where she learned to appreciate the value of staying grounded. Lisa complements this impressive profile with an equally commendable level of academic attainment. She attended Georgia College & State University on a full softball scholarship and graduated with a degree in mass communications and a master’s degree in instructional technology. A longtime resident of Canton, Georgia, Lisa maintains an active profile in the community and supports the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and organizations that benefit inner-city children. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her husband, family, friends, and pets Taco, Rosco, Laila, and Muffin, travel, and golfing. Lisa also started playing softball at age four and still continues to play in a local co-ed league.

Members for the Year of 2017

Olga Etkina is the founder of Ally.Earth, a virtual community focused on diversity, inclusion, and outreach. Through public engagements and conferences, Ally.Earth strives to diversify social groups, stimulate local economies, and get people involved with their communities. Ally.Earth's first event will be held in Fall of 2017 in New York City. Monthly events will be held with key speakers ranging from corporate leaders to entrepreneurs and philanthropists. These events enable people to learn about other cultures, personal struggles, and see what companies are doing to change communities for the better. While Ally.Earth is still in its infancy stages, Olga's ultimate goal is for a percent of all revenue to go towards entrepreneurship and educational mentorship programs for low-income youth. You can learn more about Ally.Earth by visiting their website at <http://ally.earth>



FACT:

Ally.Earth is not a political agenda, it is a human agenda. We're in this together.

FOCUS:

Cultivating open & healthy discussions. Facilitating meaningful and lasting change.

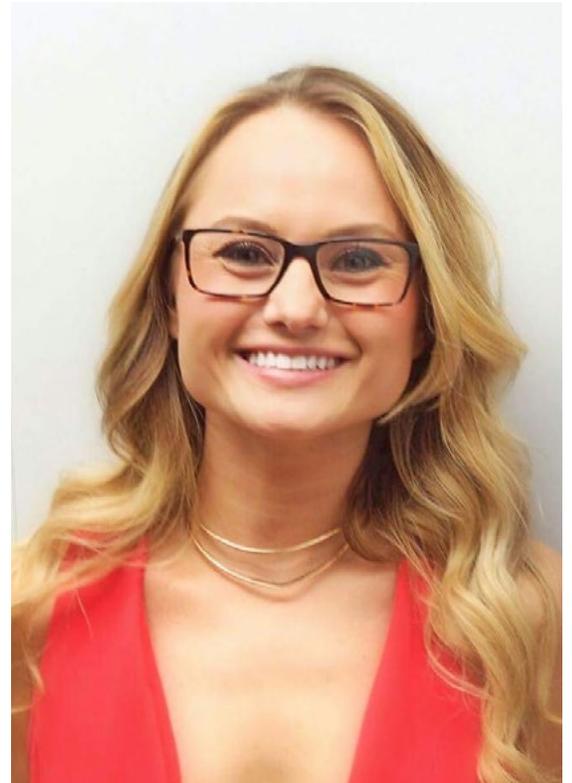
FUTURE:

Not divided by our fear of the unknown. Ally.Earth celebrates our differences.

“Our purpose is to band together under the banners of friendship, collaboration, and creative comradery.”

About the Founder:

Olga Etkina established Ally.Earth in 2017. With an aptitude for interpersonal communication and a sense of empathy she hopes to inspire in others, her dedication to this project stems from her awareness of the current global social volatility. In her current role, she is responsible for overseeing all day-to-day operations, event planning, public relations, and marketing. In addition to her position with Ally.Earth, Olga does global talent acquisition at Bank of America. Previously, she was the managing director of technology recruitment for the Northeast region of Conde Group Inc., a global, woman-owned, professional staffing firm specializing in information technology, project management, and finance and accounting. Prior to this, she gained invaluable knowledge working in talent acquisition supporting companies such as Bank of America and Goldman Sachs. Olga attributes her tenacity, work ethic, and communication skills to her experience of immigrating to the United States with her parents in 1997. She pursued and obtained a bachelor's degree in marketing from New Jersey City University. In addition to her work with Ally.Earth, she maintains an active profile in the local community and supports a number of charitable organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters. In her spare time, Olga enjoys reading, travelling, being with family and friends, and the occasional skydive.



Master Siou Foon Lee is the principal of Feng Shui Innovations, a Sydney, Australia-based company that provides Feng Shui consultations and Chinese astrology readings. Siou Foon is recognized for pioneering both classical Feng Shui and Chinese astrology in Australia. She first founded Feng Shui Innovations in 1996, after studying Feng Shui extensively. In her quest for excellence, she trained with world-renowned masters as well as with lower profile masters from impressive lineages. In 2000, her diligence and skill earned her several awards, including being named *Best Student* at the prestigious Yap Cheng Hai Feng Shui Center of Excellence. After completing her education, Siou Foon first trained with Master Zheng Hao of Chi Healing College and also lectured on Chinese acupressure at the Australian College of Natural Therapies. As her business grew, Siou Foon decided to pursue her passion for consulting on the practices of Feng Shui, rather than devoting her time to teaching. This decision proved rewarding and her business has since earned many accolades. Siou Foon has appeared on a variety of television shows in Australia including, *SBS' Second Opinion*, *Channel 7's Sunrise & the Morning Show*, and *Channel 9's, The Money Program*. She has also been featured in a number of publications including the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, and *Business Review Weekly*. A firm believer that learning is a lifelong journey, she regularly visits China to study landform Feng Shui and Chinese metaphysics. Siou Foon has spoken at Feng Shui world conferences, national congresses, and seminars. In 2012, she was honored with the *Editors' Choice Award* for her literary contribution in the best seller, *Cracking The Success Code*, one of three books she co-authored with Brian Tracey. In her spare time, Siou Foon enjoys reading and being in the company of friends and family.



Michelle Moran is no stranger to the world of fashion, beauty, health, or philanthropy. With more than fifteen years of experience in branding, licensing, and the retail of both women’s and men’s apparel, Michelle has been recognized by many for her successful entrepreneurship and her charitable giving. She has received awards for the *Who’s Who in Boston*, *30 Extraordinary Bostonians*, and the *Boston Female Entrepreneur Award*. In 2007, recognizing the enormous potential for cosmetotextile applications in the North American apparel market, she developed her newest line, SKINEEZ® Skincarewear®, which uses patented microencapsulation technology to deliver natural cosmetic ingredients to firm, tone, and slim while wearing the product. Her vision arrived from the experience she had while wearing post surgery compression garments recommended by her doctor. Realizing how uncomfortable and painful the garments made her feel, she knew that the industry would benefit from inventing the product. SKINEEZ® is changing the expectations that women have of their clothing by offering items —from post surgery undergarments that promote wellness, to everyday shapers, and active wear that contour and slim the body, while delivering moisturize onto the skin. Through clinical studies and the invention of SKINEEZ® Skincarewear®, she was able to show an increase of 19% in the skins elasticity and create real comfort while wearing the products. In a recent clinical study, 80% of women saw softer firmer skin in less than an hour while wearing the garments. The company was recently approved as the first hydrating medical grade compression that is reimbursable. With women’s fast paced lifestyles of family life and managing a career, SKINEEZ® Skincarewear® is there to care for women’s skin all day and night just by wearing the garments we love every day. In 2016 the company formed a scientific advisory board comprising of dermatologists, orthopedic surgeons and plastic surgeons that endorse and treat patients with Skineez. SKINEEZ® are available online at <http://www.myskineez.com>, QVC, and retail stores such as Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, CVS, and skincare clinics. Michelle and her brand have been featured in a number of well-received publications such as, *In Style*, *Forbes*, *People*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. She has also been featured on *The Doctors*, *LA Fashion*

Week, *Fox News*, and *Today*. Michelle attributes her success to dedication, perseverance, and passion for creating unique brands that help women.

“I strongly believe in our mission and have passion to create clothing that not only feels good to wear, but makes you feel good when wearing them.”



Learn more at <http://www.myskineez.com>

Mara Shultz is a successful serial entrepreneur who takes pride in helping small businesses grow. She is the co-founder and vice president of Market Share Consultants, the owner and president of Ardrel-Architectural Drafting and Elevations, and the founder of the non-profit organization, The Redefiners. Following years of cold calling, B2B and B2C sales, marketing, and management positions, Mara focused on forming her own businesses, utilizing past experiences to continue a steady trend of growth. Mara is responsible for the strategic direction of her businesses as well as day-to-day management decisions, and implementing both short and long-term goals. Mara has been recognized for consistently increasing sales, exceeding quotas, and generating new business. Before establishing her own businesses, she sold multi-millions in sales for Remodel Works, while simultaneously starting a new division of the company. Committed to inspiring other women, Mara is involved with BABES-Bad Ass Bitch Entrepreneurs, an organization that brings together female entrepreneurs. She is well respected by both colleagues and the community for her exemplary leadership and dedication and attributes her success to tenacity, strong family support, and solid time management, analytical, and communication skills. Ultimately, management is what Mara loves best, inspiring others to achieve their own level of greatness. Mara lives by the quotes “She believed she could so she did” and “A limiting belief is just that... a limiting belief. We take it as a reality.” In addition to her non-profit organization, The Redefiners, she supports the Safe House Foundation in Boulder, Colorado, which houses victims of domestic violence. In her spare time, she enjoys Olympic lifting, reading, and travel. Mara was also a singer and songwriter in Los Angeles and Texas and loves anything to do with singing, songwriting and composing.



Market Share Consultants comprises a team of highly experienced digital marketing experts equipped with an extensive knowledge of all disciplines concerning the building supply and home improvement categories. One of their main platforms is international branding. The team works with clients worldwide to create cutting-edge marketing strategies to target the North American market. Market Share Consultants specializes in business process integration, B2B and B2C lead generation, marketing automation and business development, customer relationship building & retention, and CRM planning and optimization. In addition to its international marketing efforts, Market Share Consultants works with design build firms making more than 3 million a year that are looking to scale and grow. Through its innovative programs, the business is able to bring these companies to double-digit million-dollar numbers in less than three years. www.marketshareconsultants.com



Ardrel-Architectural Drafting and Elevations is the first non-location specific, virtual drafting company specializing in design, permit plans, floor plans, and elevations in the residential and commercial world. Ardrel’s team helps contractors deliver 2020 drawings, CAD renderings and 3D renderings to their clients without the costly expense. All senior designers of the company are required to be certified designers, which helps with the functionality of the design. Learn more at www.ardrel.com



The Redefiners is a non-profit organization that focuses on helping women achieve greatness, physically and mentally after being victimized by sexual abuse or assault. The organization offers a twelve-week fitness and mentorship program aimed at helping women achieve both greater power, confidence and self-love.

“Our community is built on the foundation that no goal is too big. There are no limits to what one can achieve and reaching those goals can help RE:define ones life in a positive and impactful way. You no longer have to be DEFINED by the event that occurred in your life.”



Randi Zucker wears many hats as an experienced online business developer. For the last six years she has served as the director of expert services at genconnectU.com, where she works with experts and brands on delivering key messages online to customers and prospects. Randi has worked with hundreds of thought-leaders, experts, celebrities and companies on creating websites, landing pages, online courses, newsletters, videos, blogs and social media updates to grow their audience and reach their ROI. Randi has made appearances on *The Today Show*, *Fox & Friends*, *NY1*, *Los Angeles Times*, *AARP* and multiple media outlets as an expert in online marketing. Randi is also the founder of **Online Social Teacher**, a company that works with start-up businesses to get them launched and profitable. Through OST, Randi and her team provide business plan writing, website creation, marketing, training and coaching, video creation, brand engagement, copy writing, editing and search engine optimization services. In addition to her role with [genconnectU](http://genconnectU.com) and Online Social Teacher, Randi is the co-founder with her husband Adam of Men's Accessories Box, a subscription-based service that provides for business professional men a monthly delivery of accessories tailored to one's unique, personal style. Prior to these roles, Randi served as a web editor for Women's Health magazine and wowOwow.com, where she honed her skills in editorial researching, writing, and assigning stories on a national and international level. She was involved in interviewing and photographing such noteworthy figures as Whoopi Goldberg, Diane Von Furstenberg, and Meg Whitman. A firm believer in the importance of education, Randi pursued and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from the University of Florida. Equally committed to altruistic pursuits, she maintains an active profile in the local community and frequently donates to Goodwill and several other charitable organizations. Randi attributes her success to her mother Arlene and other strong female role models and striving for work-life balance. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, playing tennis, and being with friends and family, especially her daughter, Dylan Madison.

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Ali Miners, founder and CEO of Ali M Coaching and Ali M Startup is a strategic marketing and business development specialist, based in the United Kingdom and working globally. Ali provides business coaching services for small established businesses and startups that are looking to attract more leads, more clients and more

profits. Ali's innovative marketing methods are designed to combat the three most common mistakes many small business owners make. Ali is an experienced motivational Speaker and is available for speaking engagements, as well as having had several articles published internationally.

Ali M Coaching and Ali M Startup, provide expertise for small businesses and start-ups. Learn proven and tested methods to attract new clients and grow your business from the 'Go To' coach. Ali will teach you how to correctly market your business to sky rocket your profits and success, without spending any money on sales and marketing.

Coaching for Small Businesses and Start-ups

Do you need a business coach? Ask yourself if you want to:

- Increase your profits
- Gain more clients
- Attract more leads

Stand out from your competitors

The Ali M Coaching powerful online E-learning marketing system specializes in teaching you how to make your business stand out from your competitors and is available 24/7.

You will learn how to identify opportunities that will attract new clients, and how to build a marketing roadmap to success, which gives you all the pieces of the jigsaw on how to run a profitable business.

Professional Background

Ali has over 35 years of experience of not only running her own businesses but of working within successful businesses as a PA, office manager, and within sales and marketing. Ali's past experience ranges from being PA to the operations director of the Eden Project for the first 5 years, running hotels, and working within marketing, sales and events within a diverse range of companies. Ali's key skill is going into a business right at the very beginning and setting up systems, procedures, staffing and operations.

Business building team

Ali has a powerful behind the scenes team that works together to show you how to start a real small business or market your current business more effectively.

This powerful business building team gives you exclusive access to top notch marketing tools and resources.

Ali's innovative coaching program comes with:

- No registration fee
- No contract
- No set up fee
- No long-term commitment

You can start your marketing roadmap to success with a monthly commitment as low as \$297.

Well respected for her knowledge dedication, she attributes her success to perseverance, hard work, and solid leadership, analytical, and problem solving skills. Outside of her professional career, Ali maintains an active profile within the local community and supports organizations that benefit healthcare and education. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, reading and being in the company of family and friends.

"Most small business owners just don't know where to begin to achieve the results that they desire to create the financial freedom they have always dreamed of—this is why 95% of all small and home-based business startups fail within their first 5 years. You can have the best product or services in the world, but if you don't learn to market them properly you will fail. That is where I come in! As a Business Coach, and with this new online platform, I give you access to all the tools, resources and support you will need to build a successful business whether it's online or off." - Ali Miners

To learn how you can maximize your marketing results visit www.alimcoaching.com or www.alimstartup.com

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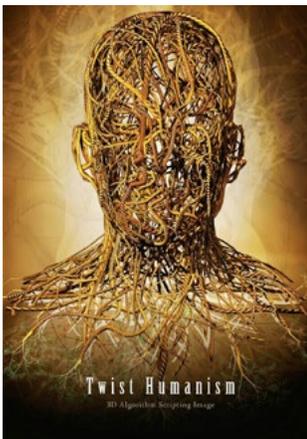


Avishag Seligman is the vice president of marketing and social media for Spirugar, a food tech startup company, located in Israel, which aims to improve the lives of diabetics and prevent other diseases caused by over consumption of carbohydrates (carbs). Avishag and her mother Judith Seligman (Ph.D, MBA) are the founders of the company. Their entrepreneurial adventure began three years ago when Avishag's brother was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Realizing how much a low carb healthy lifestyle could improve his health and prevent diabetic complications they decided to make low carb products as accessible as possible and later Spirugar was born. They've developed low carb cakes, pastries, and cake decorations from natural low glycemic index ingredients - that don't spike blood sugar levels, and still look and taste just like regular cakes. One of their products, a patent pending low carb cake decorating fondant (with only 9% sugar), was a finalist in a global innovation competition. Their innovation is in unique flours and sugar combinations. "We've come to discover that there isn't one substitute that can replace sugar or flour because the existing substitutes are never exactly the same in

terms of taste, texture and reaction in baking... but by combining different types of sugars and flours you can achieve a taste and texture that is almost exactly the same as regular cakes".

On a daily basis, Avishag is responsible for a wide range of duties, which include managing customer relationships as well as social media accounts. Since Spirugar is a company that develops products and aspires to become a B2B, she is constantly networking to develop business partners and strategic connections and currently is looking for Investors, manufacturers and distributors for next developmental stages. She is also involved in the company's business development plans and attending food conferences, pushing for the company to showcase its products at events. Well respected for her dedication and ambition, she attributes her success to her belief in staying optimistic but also maintaining realistic expectations and to the motto she lives by, "Love what you do or don't do it at all. The only way to success is by being truly passionate about what you want". In her spare time, Avishag enjoys photography, movies, and being with family and friends.

"We develop the products of the future. And in the future, our products will look and taste exactly the same as they do today only they will be much healthier, with significantly less carbohydrates (carbs) and more proteins and fibers, to enable a healthy sustainable lifestyle without giving up our quality of life. Why choose between healthy products and tasty products when you can have both." **Website:** www.spirugar.com **Email:** avishag@spirugar.com



Ok-Hue Cho is the chief executive officer of InfiniteVisual, a leader in the interactive digital contents, motion graphics, hologram, VR, and AR. Doosan Heavy Industries & Construction, PETAMICE, and Korea Institute of Industrial Technology are Cooperative firms of InfiniteVisual. As CEO, Ok-Hue is responsible for the strategic direction of the company as well as managing all day-to-day operations. She is also an adjunct professor of Seoul Cyber University and a digital artist and content developer. Ok-Hue is vice president of the International Cooperation of the Korean Society for Computer Games and planning director of the Korean Society for Computer Games. She is a former professor of Korea University, and Koomin University Chung-Ang University and Sungkonghoe University. Ok-Hue is well respected for her dedication and vast-ranging knowledge and has been the recipient of several prestigious

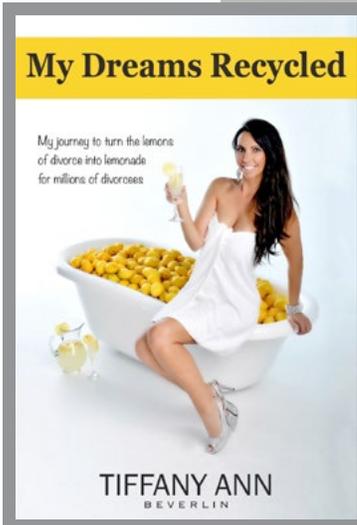
accolades including listings in Marquis Who's Who in 2016 and 2017. Ok-Hue attributes her success to ambition, tenacity, and solid analytical, time management, and problem solving skills. A firm believer in the importance of education, she attended the Graduate School of Advanced Imaging Science, Multimedia and Film at Chung-Ang University, obtaining a master's degree in art and technology in 2007 and a PhD in art and technology in 2012. In her spare time, Ok-Hue enjoys outdoor activities such as golf, tennis, and swimming as well as traveling. **Website:** www.infinitevisual.co.kr **Email:** pluszang@hotmail.com



Tiffany Beverlin was born outside London and came to USA to work at Universal Studios after graduating from university. After marrying she gave up her career to stay home and raise three children. After fifteen of marriage and over a decade out of the work force, Tiffany was forced through circumstances to recycle her own life. She was repeatedly told she was unemployable being out of the work force for so long, so she created her own job, and own company after a fortuitous dream that she couldn't sell her own engagement ring. Within 13 days, Tiffany went from a single stay at home mother of three to the CEO of her own tech company. Every step of the way, Tiffany has retrained, and recycled her life into something she would have at one time, not believed was possible. *DreamsRecycled.com* launched in 2013, making a literal dream into a reality. *DreamsRecycled.com* was born as the only marketplace in the world specializing in selling things from your divorce. *DreamsRecycled.com* quickly became a gathering place for the divorce community who are inspired by Tiffany's personal story. The website today consists of a marketplace, blogs, a directory, and community zones to assist this large divorce community further. *DreamsRecycled.com* has become known as the first to mind brand for anyone going through a divorce, and is considered the only divorce website, by divorcees for divorcees.

Tiffany is passionate about not only helping divorcees through her ever growing website, but also one on one, guiding people through the divorce process, she has personally spoken to over 6000 men and women, giving practical advice and support. Tiffany is widely recognized as a divorce expert, who shares her expertise as a contributing writer for *Huffington Post*, *Thrive Global* and *SheSavvy*. She is also a motivational speaker and is the best-selling author of *My Dreams Recycled*, which chronicles the unbelievable story of how, after divorce Tiffany was able to turn the lemons of divorce into a business helping millions of other divorcees, divorce better. Her story resonates with both men and women, who have at any time had one of life's curve balls thrown at them, and serves to inspire people into following their dreams after adversity.

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Hilary Rowland is the founder and driving force behind *Urbanette Magazine*, a popular women's lifestyle publication focusing on feminism, empowerment, and organic living. Hilary is a healthy lifestyle and luxury travel expert. An innovator, influencer, and internet pioneer, Hilary launched her first two award-winning and commercially successful sites (*Urbanette Magazine* and *New Faces*®) in 1995, when she was just 15 years old. Hilary taught herself to code and build web sites by trial-and-error, and invented online casting and portfolios, as well as launching the first online magazine. Hilary is also the owner of *Pearls & Pocket Squares*, a luxury resort and hotel consultant firm that secretly visits and critiques your hotel, then offers detailed solutions for all the areas you can improve the guest appearance. In 2010, she began work on a social enterprise called *Project Migration*, which produces apparel at a women-run eco-factory in Africa, with the purpose of building water wells and supporting medical clinics in areas of extreme poverty. The objective of the enterprise was to provide job opportunities for single mothers, along with access to clean water and medical care for those in need. Hilary became a contributor to *The Huffington Post* in 2015. Hilary has been featured by a number of media outlets and publications including *PopCrunch*, *Wired Magazine*, *Business Insider*, *AOL*, and *CEO World Magazine*. Hilary is the daughter of Wade Rowland, PhD, professor at York University and author on the subjects of ethics, philosophy, and moral theory. Hilary spent the past decade living in New York City and has traveled extensively around the world looking for hot new topics, destinations, and brands to bring to *Urbanette* readers. She currently resides in France with her husband, Michael.

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Samira Panah is the co-founder of Bridge2Act. Guided by an innovative digital platform that makes charitable giving easier and faster, Bridge2Act connects readers with opportunities to create impact the moment they feel compelled. The company partners with audited nonprofits and leading media outlets to enable everyday people - the social influencers, the political crusaders, the global thinkers, the local leaders - to get involved in real time, right as news and need breaks. B2A has partnered with esteemed publications, influencers, and not-for-profit organizations like Sama Group, Together1Heart, She's The First, and Action Against Hunger for contextual donation opportunities to a reach of millions of unique viewers. Samira is also the regional manager of media and entertainment for Cisco. In this role, she has the privilege to lead a team of highly passionate engineers and sales team members who evangelize this every day. Over the course of the last decade, her work at Cisco has led to strategic alignment and business transformation, with some of the world's largest media conglomerates—focusing on introducing innovation and enhancing operational efficiency in the areas of production, contribution, post production, and primary & secondary distribution (traditional and OTT/direct to consumer.) Samira is responsible for more than a \$130M in revenue for Cisco annually. In addition to her two roles in business, she is a proud member of Women in Cable Technology (WICT) Betsy Magness Class 35, Breakout NY, and Summit Series. Samira has been the recipient of several prestigious accolades including the *Voice of Change Award* at the 2013 *Somaly Mam Gala*, hosted by Katie Couric, for generating over a quarter of million dollars in an effort to eradicate sex trafficking. Samira complements this impressive profile with an equally commendable level of academic achievement. She graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in business finance from the University of Arizona and *Magna Cum Laude* with a Master of Business Administration degree from Fordham University. She also obtained the Cisco Certificated Design Associate

(CCDA) certification. Samira maintains an active profile in the community where she serves on the board of directors for Together1Heart, an anti-sex trafficking organization dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating the survivors of human trafficking. Prior to being named Together1Heart, the organization was DBA the Somaly Mam Foundation. For the last eight years, Samira has raised funds/awareness for this organization dedicated to creating a world free from sex slavery. She visited the rescue and rehabilitation centers in Cambodia in 2012 to see first hand the impact together1heart has on the lives of survivors of the sex trade. In her spare time, Samira enjoys Muay Thai kick boxing at Renzo Gracie Academy, Hot Power Vinyasa, SoulCycle, and traveling. Samira is married to NY based restaurateur, Koorosh Bakhtiar. She is the sister of LA-based event planner and hot yoga instructor, Soha Panah, and first generation daughter of Iranian-American parents, Fay and Mas Panah. Websites: www.bridge2act.com www.cisco.com/go/media Email: samira@bridge2act.com

Our greatness has always come from people who expect nothing and take nothing for granted - folks who work hard for what they have, then reach back and help others after them. -Michelle Obama



Mary Dwyer is the owner of Metro Maintainers, an Arkansas-based company that provides commercial janitorial services. The company offers competitive and reasonable pricing as well as 24-hour services. Mary bought the company in 1991, after serving as the manager for fourteen years. She also worked in sales, where she was the only female sales employee out of 125 people. Working along all men, Mary was the recipient of several prestigious awards, including over 70 percent of awards in one quarter. Prior to that, she worked in financial services, where she honed her analytical and problem solving skills. Currently, Mary is responsible for overseeing operations, budgeting, marketing, and managing staff. She is highly respected for her efficiency and constant professionalism, and attributes her success to ambition, diligence, and the longevity of employees, many of which have been with the company for over twenty-five years. Mary also emphasizes the importance of courage and risk-taking. When she was thirty years old, she pursued one of her longtime dreams of learning to fly an airplane, something she hoped her grandchildren would one day remember her for. When Mary is away from the office, she enjoys being with friends and family, particularly her two sons Steven and Bradley, reading, and the outdoors. An avid traveler, she was a passenger aboard the Oasis of the Seas, the largest cruise ship in the world and also celebrated her 70th birthday riding a hot air balloon with family and friends. Website: www.metromaintainers.com Email: mdwyer@metromaintainers.com



Michele Maher is a custom jewelry stylist who established her own business, Michele Maher Designs in 2014. Michele has always had a passion for jewelry and believes in the importance of women empowering themselves through creative expression. She creates one of a kind jewelry pieces from her own original designs, which she calls "Wearable Art for the Passionate Soul". Like her designs,

Michele stands apart from the crowd. She cares deeply about the woman who wears her jewelry. Michele has been featured at a number of expos including the Toronto Women's Expo.

What can Michele do for you? The pieces you see on Michele's website are not mass-produced, they are one-of-a-kind creations. When a piece is purchased a similar one can only be created upon request. Michele can take any design you see on her website and make it uniquely yours with a few subtle changes of shape, size, color, and material. Show Michele a particular dress, or top – or just about anything else – and she will create a piece to match. Share with her a range of your favorite outfits and she will design a versatile piece you can wear with any of them.



Re-use. Re-cycle. Re-love.

You know that drawer full of broken brooches, orphaned earrings and banged-up bangles – pieces you once loved but never wear anymore? Michele will take them apart and refashion them into striking new creations you'll treasure all over again. She can also simply repair damaged costume jewelry and make it new again.

Michele Makes House Calls in the Greater Toronto Area

As well as designing something beautiful just for you, Michele is also happy to come to your home and offer advice on which of your own jewelry goes best with the clothes in your wardrobe.

Michele holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto. Prior to founding her company, Michele worked in management positions in the corporate world for over two decades. She served in various accounting roles ranging from a CA firm, to the Government and finally a Bank. While in the corporate world, Michele's colleagues continuously complimented her on her unique jewelry and fashion sense. Her creative instinct pushed her to finally follow her passion, take a risk and establish her own business. Michele attributes her success to perseverance, diligence, and passion for empowering women to go out and take their own risks and truly express their own individuality. She maintains an active profile in the local community and supports numerous charitable organizations. Michele serves as director and treasurer for the Markland Wood Homes Association and was also co-chair of the Catholic School Advisory Council. In her spare time, Michele enjoys travel and being with family and friends.

You can learn more about Michele's creations at www.michelemaherdesigns.com or by contacting her directly at michele@michelemaherdesigns.com to book a party or get started on creating your own unique piece.

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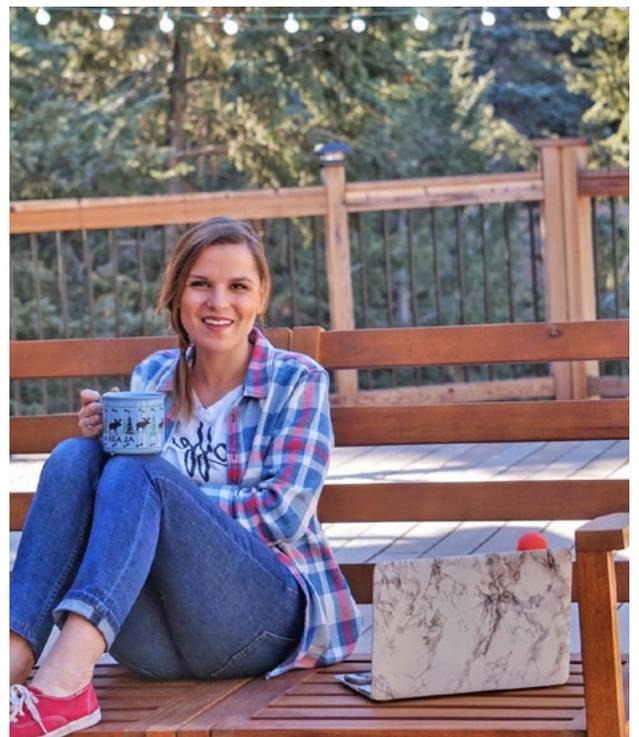
ON THE COVER



Kelly Fox is a full time entrepreneur and professional network marketer. In October of 2016 she was asked to help launch and become a founding member of the wine tasting club, Direct Cellars as they transitioned from traditional marketing channels to a network marketing business model. Within two months of joining Direct Cellars, Kelly earned the title of Master Cellar, which is their highest paid rank. Kelly now leads a team of over 100 people that she trains to be successful and build their own teams and futures in the industry as they expand into Canada and the United Kingdom. In addition to her role with Direct Cellars, Kelly has worked as a freelance creative director and digital strategist helping companies and solo-preneurs shape their brands to attract their dream clients for the past three years. She has led the planning, styling, and creative direction of ad campaign shoots for multi million dollar companies as well as worked with several small businesses. Kelly also serves as marketing chair for the Mountain Post Spouses Club and volunteers as FRG leader for her husband's military unit. Well respected for her ambition and success, Kelly attributes her accomplishments to her family as well as to her team and to her belief that "Your only limit on your success in the industry is you. The resources, training, personal development... that stuff is all out there for the taking, but you have to want success more than you hate the feeling of failure and push through that daily." When she is not building her businesses, Kelly enjoys being with her husband, a captain in the United States Army and toddler, Luke. Kelly and her husband are currently stationed in Colorado and they enjoy hiking at least once a week. Get in touch with Kelly at kelly@kfoxcreative.com or by visiting her websites www.kfoxcreative.com and www.goodwinebetterlife.com

About Direct Cellars:

Direct Cellars is a wine tasting club that offers premium wines at below retail prices with over 2,000 small batch wineries from around the world. Each wine is selected by a team of wine experts led by Master Sommelier, Jerry Greenfield. In 2016, they opted to switch their marketing strategy to a network marketing model offering the opportunity to motivated individuals to build a steady stream of income by sharing the club. Their launch coincides perfectly with the rise of subscription boxes as well as taking advantage of the increasing popularity of wine, especially among millennials. As a business opportunity, the compensation plan is groundbreaking and the culture thrives on FUN and entertainment. Direct Cellars has been featured on a number of media outlets including Fox, CBS, NBC, the *Boston Globe*, and the *International Business Times*.





"Because of my personal brand and experience in digital strategy, I was approached by a friend about helping launch this club. If you had told me even a week before I came across this opportunity that I would be doing network marketing, I would have laughed. While I have plenty of experience in marketing, network marketing was something I was simply not interested in. Most of the companies in the business are skin-care, health supplements, and makeup products, which was not something I was passionate about or wanted to talk about... But when I heard that the product was wine and that it was a ground floor opportunity, I knew that I needed to at least hear a little bit more. Within two months, I was able to make enough income to transition into becoming a full time professional network marketer. I am able to work from anywhere like Disney World with my toddler, or the coast of Cinque Terre on a girls trip to Italy... and the best part of my job? I'm helping others be able to do the same, all while drinking some of the best wines from around the world! I have and am continuing to grow a team of wonderful partners that have a willingness to learn and a drive to succeed- because honestly, if you have those and work hard you **WILL** succeed!"



Dr. Shamecca M. Scott is a board certified clinical psychologist and the founder and chief executive officer of Mindset, LLC, a business dedicated to optimizing human potential by providing psychological services as well as personal and executive coaching services both domestically and internationally. Mindset is a company dedicated to providing top quality service designed to educate, empower, and encourage the pursuit of personal and professional development. Dr. Scott founded Mindset, LLC in 2011, bringing vast experience in behavior modification, crisis intervention, and the treatment of trauma related disorders. As a coach, she works with a variety of individuals ranging from healthcare professionals, law enforcement professionals, and mid to senior business leaders. In 2007, Dr. Scott was commissioned into the United States Army as a clinical psychologist. In 2010, she deployed to Iraq where she independently established and operated a behavioral health clinic that provided oversight to 3500 service members across seven locations. Dr. Scott was the recipient of a Bronze Star as well as a number of other military accolades. Well respected for her knowledge and dedication, she attributes her success to ambition, perseverance, and hard work, qualities equally evident in her level of academic attainment. Dr. Scott attended Virginia State University, from which she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Science degree in psychology. She went on to earn a doctorate degree in clinical psychology from Argosy University. After completing her doctoral studies, Dr. Scott obtained a post-graduate Master of Science degree in clinical psychopharmacology from Alliant International University-San Francisco Bay. Strongly committed to philanthropic endeavors, she maintains an active membership in the American Psychological Association, Division 56 Trauma Psychology and Division 12 Clinical Psychology, American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology, and The American Board of Professional Psychology and supports various charities. In her spare time, Dr. Scott enjoys reading, traveling, and being with family and friends. Website: <http://mindsetllc.com> Email: shameccascott@gmail.com

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Dr. Cristina Farrell is a physician at Morristown Medical Center. Dr. Farrell is experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of autism, ADHD, learning disabilities, other developmental disorders, and a variety of behavioral disorders. She also has significant expertise and interest in the developmental outcomes of prematurity. Recently, Dr. Farrell presented Grand Rounds at Overlook Hospital and Morristown Medical Center on *Evidence-Based and Non-Evidence Based Treatments for Autism Spectrum Disorder*. Dr. Farrell also co-authored a poster that was presented at the *October 2016 American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* meeting related to her research on the developmental outcomes of premature birth. Dr. Farrell is a member of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She has also been a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Society of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics. Dr. Farrell is well respected by colleagues and patients for her dedication and knowledge. She attributes her success to ambition, diligence, and to her parents who instilled in her the value of value of hard work. Dr. Farrell grew up looking up to her mother, a professor and educator for children with learning disabilities and to her father, a biomedical engineer. Dr. Farrell holds a Doctor of Medicine degree and a master of public health degree. Strongly committed to philanthropic endeavors, she maintains an active profile in the local community and supports a number of charities. In her spare time, Dr. Farrell enjoys yoga, the outdoors, and being with friends and family, particularly her two-year-old son. Email: cristina.farrell@atlantichhealth.org

Dr. Barbara Wamil is the global clinical leader for Sanofi, a diversified healthcare leader which discovers, develops, and distributes therapeutic solutions focused on patients' needs. Sanofi has core strengths in healthcare, with seven growth platforms: emerging markets, rare diseases (through the acquisition of Genzyme), vaccines, consumer healthcare, diabetes treatments, innovative products, and animal health. Dr. Wamil accepted her appointment in 2005 and has since been accountable for directing the worldwide clinical development and life cycle management of a portfolio of products, planning, executing, and reporting on clinical trials and ensuring their compliance with Sanofi processes and regulatory requirements, providing direct operational input into protocol development, and training, supervising, and evaluating staff. Dr. Wamil is well known and widely admired for her exemplary leadership, dedication, and wide-ranging industry knowledge, and attributes her success to ambition, hard work, and vast experience in medical consulting, clinical research, and strategic planning. Dr. Wamil also advocates the value of a firm academic foundation. She pursued and obtained a Doctor of Medicine degree with a focus on internal medicine and pediatrics from the Medical University of Lublin and was awarded a fellowship in reproductive medicine from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Dr. Wamil complements this extraordinary profile with an equally commendable array of humanitarian undertakings, which includes her community work with schools and disabled children. She also supports several organizations that benefit education, and healthcare. In her spare time, Dr. Wamil enjoys outdoor sports, running, skiing, reading scholarly publications, travel, and the company of friends and family.

Niki Robinson is the owner and chief executive officer of both N&H Healthcare Services and its non-profit arm, N&H Independent Living. N&H Healthcare Services is a Columbus, Ohio-based business that provides adult individuals with disabilities solutions to independent living, employment, housing, day programs, and transportation services. N&H Healthcare Services has a number of upcoming events including the *Summer Fundraiser* taking place on August 22, 2017. Niki established the business in 2011, after over twenty years working with individuals with developmental disabilities and in pastoral care as well as experience in office management, field services, and CPR training. As chief executive officer, she is responsible for overseeing all day-to-day operations, program development, managing staff, coordinating events, and ensuring the quality of patient care. Niki works alongside her husband, Henry, co-owner and director, her daughter, Naresha Paige, the businesses' administrator, and her son, Nickolas, who manages the Turner Day Center. Niki is a proud member of several professional organizations including the National Association of Women. She has received a number of prestigious accolades including the *2016 Entrepreneurship of the Year Award* from the City of Columbus. Well respected for her dedication, integrity, ambition, and vast-ranging knowledge, Niki attributes her success to her faith and to her family. A firm believer in the importance of education, Niki pursued and obtained a bachelor's degree in business management and business administration with a minor in organizational leadership from Franklin University, a private non-profit university that was founded in 1902 to serve the needs of adult students. Strongly committed to philanthropic endeavors, Niki maintains an active profile in the community and supports organizations that benefit education, healthcare and the impoverished. Niki also serves as the clinical director of New Beginning Transition Housing for Women, an organization that focuses on transitioning women from institution into the community to be a successful. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, being with her husband, six children, and fourteen grandchildren, camping, and traveling. Niki is also passionate about writing and is currently working on her first book about her life and experiences. Website: www.nandhservice.com Email: nhservicesinc@yahoo.com

“Since I was a young girl, I have always dreamed of giving back in the medical field. Now I have an incredible opportunity to set the standard of care for our most vulnerable populations. I pledge to give my all to the population I serve.”

-Niki Robinson

HEALTHCARE

Linda Tondreau is the nurse manager of 3 SWN procedure services and 5 NE-N/diagnostic testing for the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, a hospital devoted entirely to clinical research in the United States. Linda began her nursing career as a trauma/critical care nurse in 1993 at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. From 1993 until 2001, she worked in various ICU settings, PACU, and the operating room. Linda joined NIH in September 2001 as a clinical research nurse with the ICU team. Currently, she is responsible for managing a comprehensive procedural unit which offers non-sedating and moderate conscious sedation services, including endoscopy, cardiac catheterization, bronchoscopy, and vascular access device insertion utilizing ultrasound. Linda also manages the cardiac diagnostic testing unit, which includes exercise stress tests, ECHO, and pulmonary function tests. Linda has participated in a number of performance improvement initiatives including the Shared Governance model in the Clinical Center Nursing Department as the chair of the performance improvement committee. She has coauthored a number of well-received publications, which include, *Domain of Practice in the Specialty of Clinical Research Nursing: Delineating Clinical Research Nursing Practice: Results of a Role Delineation Study* and *Clinical and Translational Science and Validating the Clinical Research Domain of Practice*. Well respected for her expertise and dedication, she attributes her successful career to diligence and hard work, qualities equally evident in her level of academic attainment. Linda holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and is currently pursuing a Master of Health Administration degree. A longtime resident of New Windsor, Maryland, she maintains an active profile in the community and supports a number of non-profit organizations. In her spare time, Linda enjoys being with friends and family, travel, reading, and outdoor activities such as camping and hiking. ltondreau@cc.nih.gov

Judi Lund Person is the vice president of compliance and regulatory leadership for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the largest nonprofit membership organization for end-of-life programs and professionals in the United States with a primary goal of enhancing the quality of life for the terminally ill and their loved ones. Judi joined the NHCPO staff in 2002, bringing more than two decades of experience as a nationally recognized leader in the field of hospice and healthcare. On a daily basis, she works with hospice providers on regulatory and compliance issues, data collection, and performance measurement and serves as a contact for Medicare and Medicaid, the Food and Drug Administration, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and many other federal agencies. Judi also represents her industry as a member of the Alzheimer's Association, the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care, and the Hospice and Palliative Care Coalition. Prior to joining NHCPO, she served as president and CEO of the Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care, completed a BA in sociology with honors at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and earned a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2015 she earned certification in healthcare compliance. Despite the demands of her job, Judi maintains an active role within the community through support of the Girl Scouts of America and other local projects that benefit children. In her free time, she enjoys reading, singing, and family activities. Website: www.nhcpo.org



Dr. Tiffany Kelley is the founder of Nightingale Apps, a revolutionary health information technology company that offers mobile applications to nurses working in hospital settings. The company's primary focus is on improving the quality of information needed for the care of patients. The initial patent-pending product Know My Patient® will launch this year. The app offers workflow specific modules that allow for efficient use of information through a mobile device that can be kept in one's pocket or jacket. Starting with shift report (or handoff), nurses will be able to access and enter key information about the patients they're taking care of without having to rely on a scrap piece of paper or chase after an available computer. Ideally, this will give nurses more time with their patients, patients greater satisfaction with their stay, and overall improved patient safety, efficiency and timeliness of care delivery that can drive down operational costs for the hospital and support optimal patient health outcomes. Learn more about Nightingale Apps by visiting www.nightingaleapps.com.



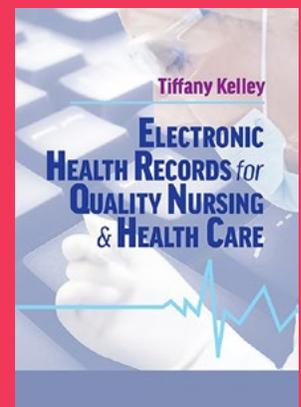
About the Founder: Dr. Tiffany Kelley has 17 years of experience in nursing science and vast knowledge of clinical informatics, nursing administration, health care quality and safety, product management, and the design of mobile software applications. She

identified the need to establish Nightingale Apps and create the initial product *Know My Patient*® while conducting her own research aimed at understanding how nurses use information to care for patients. Dr. Kelley realized current limitations within hospital settings to provide nurses with information at any location, especially while on the go. Dr. Kelley is also the founder and chief executive officer of iCare Nursing Solutions LLC. Dr.

Kelley has authored a textbook, *Electronic Health Records for Quality Nursing and Health Care*, and several well-received publications, including, *Opportunities for Nurses in the Era of Electronic Health Records*, which appears in the *Open Journal of Nursing*, *Information Needed to Support Knowing the Patient in Advances in Nursing Science and Electronic Nursing Documentation as a Strategy to Improve the Quality of Nursing Care* in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*. In addition, she has held adjunct faculty roles at Northeastern University, Fairfield University and an active affiliate of Duke University, where she has taught Informatics courses to graduate nursing students. She started her career as a pediatric nurse working across the nation at Children's National Medical Center, Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego, and Boston Children's Hospital prior to specializing further in nursing informatics. She is well respected by colleagues for her knowledge and dedication and attributes her success to tenacity, perseverance, family support, and being fortunate enough to be placed in front of very strong individuals that have pushed her beyond her natural limits. Dr. Kelley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Georgetown University, a Master of Science degree in nursing administration and a Master of Business Administration degree from Northeastern University. Dr. Kelley also received a PhD from Duke University, where she was commencement speaker. She is a member of several professional organizations including the American Nurses Association and the American Medical Informatics Association. Dr. Kelley maintains an active profile in the local community and supports numerous philanthropic causes. In her spare time, she enjoys running half marathons, travel, public speaking, and being with family and friends.

“As a nurse, there’s always something more you could be doing for a patient. I’m trying to provide a way to alleviate pain points that don’t need to be there, allowing them to build better nurse-patient relationships - to be better nurses in general.”

–Dr. Tiffany Kelley



Marella Bettina Mangum Chakua is a traveling certified nursing assistant for The Good Samaritan Society and the inventor of Electrical Maid, a patented automatic cleaning system configured to clean a room without having to lift a finger—other than touching a control panel. Marella’s interest in creating this product was sparked when attending summer internships while still in college. “I was introduced to the autoclave,” she said. “The autoclave is used to sterilize various types of laboratory equipment. I came up with the idea for an automatic cleaning device, the Electrical Maid, based on this concept of the autoclave. I thought to myself, what if an entire space, like a hospital room, could be sterilized? Multi-resistant microbes and nosocomial infections would then be a thing of the past if hospitals could be sterilized using such a device.” Marella is currently in contact with InventionHome, an organization that contacts various companies on her behalf to gain licensure and market her invention. Marella is well respected for her dedication and knowledge and has been honored with numerous accolades including recognition by *Strathmore Who’s Who* as well as *Women of Distinction Magazine*. She attributes her success to passion, integrity, hard work, and belief that for every problem there is a solution. She also advocates the value of a firm educational foundation. Marella obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from North Carolina Central University and CNA certification from Durham Technical Community College. She maintains an active profile in the local community and supports a number of charitable causes. In her spare time, Marella enjoys outdoor activities such as horseback riding, swimming, camping, and travel, and being with friends and family, particularly her husband, David and three stepchildren. Email: altima_91@hotmail.com

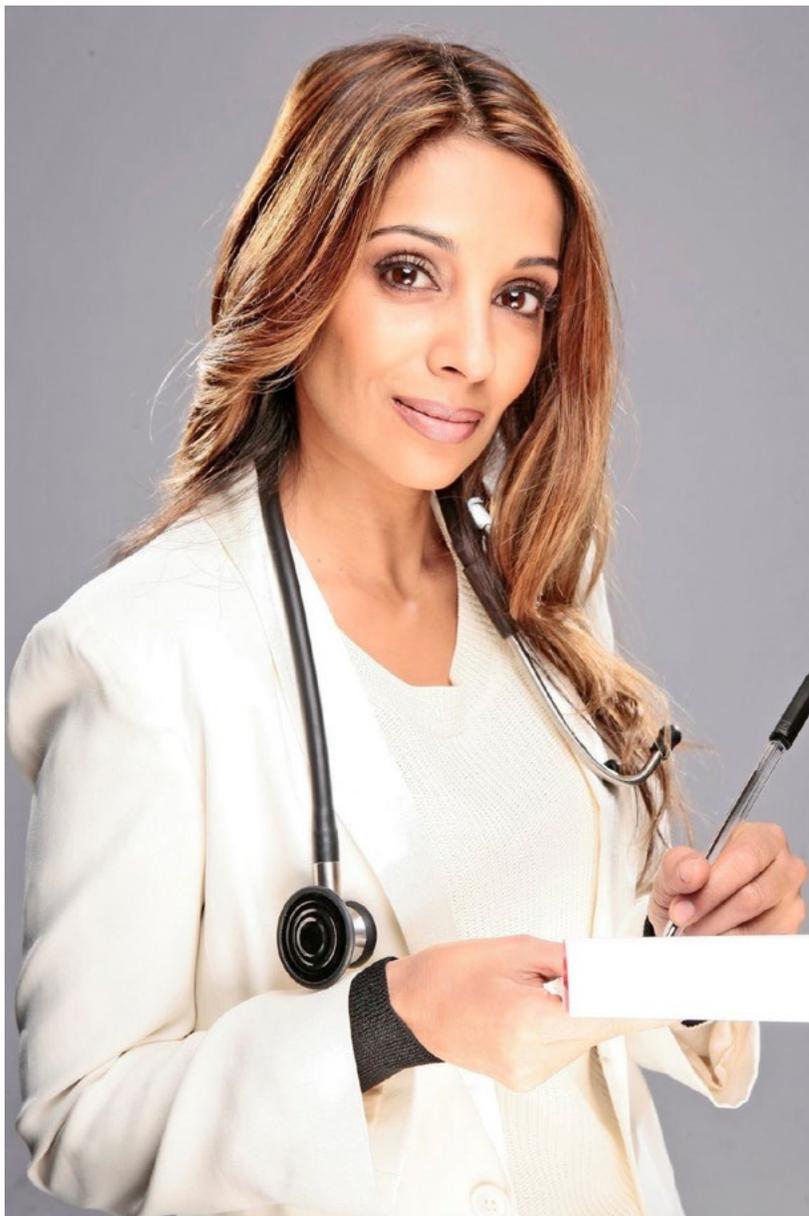


About her invention: Electrical Maid is a patented an automatic cleaning system configured to clean a room without having to lift a finger—other than touching a control panel. The system is comprised of a control panel communicatively coupled to a sprinkler device attached near the ceiling of a room and a cleaning apparatus attached near a floor. The sprinkler device emits a cleaning solution throughout the room onto the floor and the cleaning apparatus removes the cleaning solution from the floor with a vacuum and then pumps the solution to a sewer. The cleaning apparatus is also configured to sweep, mop, vacuum, shampoo and wax the floor.

Christine C. Schuster is the president and CEO of Emerson Hospital, a full-service, regional medical center headquartered in historic Concord, Massachusetts. Emerson provides advanced medical services to more than 300,000 people in twenty-five towns. Christine has more than twenty-five years of experience in the healthcare industry, which includes her former positions as president and CEO of Quincy Medical Center and Athol Memorial Hospital, chief operating officer of the Extended Care Division of Tenet Saint Vincent Healthcare System in Worcester, MA, and director of critical care services at the New England Deaconess Hospital. She also spent five years as a healthcare management consultant with Coopers & Lybrand. Currently as president and CEO, Christine is responsible for managing the daily operations of the Hospital and its entities, attaining and maintaining patient care, safety, education, and community service goals, and ensuring Hospital objectives are met through the process of selection, development, organization, management, evaluation, and the promotion of human resources. In addition to these magnanimous duties, Christine is a board member of the American Hospital Association (AHA) Metropolitan Regional Council, Voluntary Hospitals of America, Northeast and the Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals as well as chairman of the Board of Power Options, Inc. She is also a frequent speaker both locally and nationally on a wide variety of healthcare topics. Throughout her career, Christine has received a number of prestigious accolades and awards. In 2012, she was named one of the *Top 100 Top Health IT Leaders* by HealthTech Council. She also received the *2011 Concord Business Person of the Year Award* from the Concord Chamber of Commerce, the *2009 American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award*, and the *2008 Maynard Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award*. She was also recognized by *Modern Healthcare Magazine* and Witt Kieffer Associates as one of the *Year 2000 Up and Comer Award* recipients. Christine complements this impressive profile with an equally commendable level of academic attainment. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Boston University and Master of Business Administration degree with honors from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Christine is also engaged in civic affairs and has served on the board of the Concord Chamber of Commerce and the Concord Economic Council.

Dr. Susan G. Moore is a well known oncologist and hematologist in practice at Rex Hematology Oncology Associates, a private, not-for-profit healthcare system that offers comprehensive cancer care using the latest technologies and treatments. As part of the first nationally accredited cancer center in North Carolina, Rex Hematology is proud to partner with each patient in his or her journey from the discovery of cancer, through treatment, and into recovery. Dr. Moore’s clinical interests focus on breast cancer, lymphoma, supportive care, and cancer screenings. She earned her medical and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Moore went on to complete her internal medicine residency training at the University of California in San Francisco and her hematology and medical oncology training at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Hematology, and the American Board of Oncology. Dr. Moore is also a proud member of a number of professional organizations including the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Hematology. She is highly respected by both patients and the medical community for her dedication and expertise and credits her accomplishments to passion, drive, and commitment to providing outstanding patient care. Dr. Moore complements this impressive profile with an equally commendable array of philanthropic undertakings and donates generously to the impoverished.





Dr. Nigma Talib, ND is world-renowned naturopathic doctor utilizing a personalized medical approach to determine the underlying cause of disease rather than suppressing symptoms. Dr. Nigma has clinics based out of Los Angeles and London. She is best selling author of *Younger Skin Starts In The Gut* and her book has been sold in eight countries with different titles including *Reverse the Signs Of Ageing*, which hit number one in its category on Amazon.

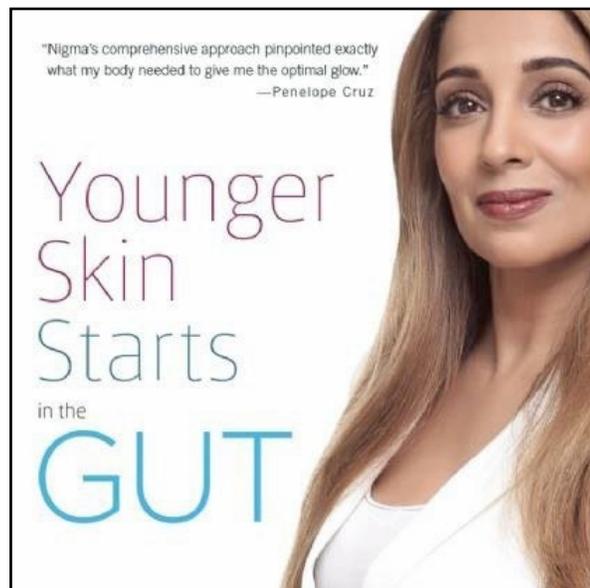
Hollywood's finest flock to Dr. Talib for her expertise in her prescriptions for inner and outer body beauty and optimal health and wellness. Dr. Talib has been named as "who to know" by *Vanity Fair* and *W Magazine* has named her the "Beauty Guru". In addition, Dr. Talib is a key note lecturer for many companies specializing in complementary medicine where she educates hundreds of practitioners in natural medicine throughout Europe. Dr. Talib believes in educating the public about everyday health issues that affect people's quality of life. She gives the public the knowledge to enable them to help correct their own health issues through the application of cutting edge dietary, supplemental, and functional laboratory testing guidance in order to not just prevent disease but treat chronic illness at the cellular level. Dr. Talib has been interviewed and has written for many well-respected magazines, radio, and television shows in pursuit of educating the public about the safe and effective uses of complementary medicine. With more than ten years of experience in complementary medical field, Dr. Talib encompasses all the modalities of naturopathic medicine: acupuncture/traditional Chinese medicine, botanical medicine, clinical nutrition, homeopathy, and lifestyle counseling, that allow the patient to attain personalized medicine at both her medical centers in Canada and the UK. In addition, Dr. Talib's incorporation of specialized innovative laboratory testing along with standard testing allows for a diagnosis that goes above and beyond conventional laboratory testing and allows for effectively identifying and treating the underlying causes of digestive complaints, infertility, hormonal, and sleep disorders, to name a few. Preventative and functional laboratory assessments provide a more complete picture of one's health. This ultimately helps identify the root cause of chronic conditions and allows Dr.

Talib to provide customized healthcare designed specifically for each patient. Her expertise in naturopathic medicine, leading edge diagnostic laboratory testing, and skillful assessment of patient conditions with effective treatment protocols makes Dr. Talib a heavily sought after speaker and educator, not only by various health care practitioners but by the media and general public world wide.

PERSONAL OBJECTIVE: Dr. Talib's goal is to bring a personalized medical approach to the forefront of today's medicine through individualized treatment; correctly assessing disease states and getting to the underlying cause of disease rather than the suppression of symptoms. The day's of "one size fits all" medicine is incongruent with an evolving and ever changing health care model that Dr. Talib recommends for optimal health. Bringing preventative medicine to the forefront of health care will allow practitioners such as medical doctors, naturopathic doctors, pharmacists, and chiropractors to work together as a team in the pursuit of attaining personalized care and individualized approach to patients. Naturopathic medicine enables the treatment of chronically ill patients improving the quality of these patients' lives and as a bonus allows for savings of healthcare dollars.

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Educator of the Year: Professor Trisha Dunning

Professor Trisha Dunning is the chair in nursing and director of the Centre for Quality and Patient Safety Research Barwon Health Partnership at Deakin University in Geelong, Australia. Professor Dunning has been a credentialed diabetes nurse educator since 1984. Her work focuses on diabetes in older people and palliative and end of life care. She has published several books and over 300 papers concerning various aspects of diabetes education and management. Her widely acclaimed book, *Care of People with Diabetes a Manual of Nursing Practice* is used as a core text in many nursing training programs and she authored the award winning, *Guidelines for Managing Older People with Diabetes in Residential and Other Care Settings*, which are influencing policy. Other key publications and journal contributions include, *Diabetes in Older People: New Insights and Remaining Challenges in Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology*, 3(4), 275-285, *Integrating Palliative Care with Usual Care of Diabetic Foot Wounds in Diabetes/Metabolism Research and Reviews*, 32 Suppl 1, 303-310, *Assessing Older People with Diabetes in Australia in Diabetes and Primary Care Australia 1*: 115-20, *The McKellar Guidelines: Helping Plan Care for Older People with Diabetes in Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal*, 23(7), 49, *Caring for People with Diabetes at the End of Life in Current Diabetes Reports*, 16 (11), 1-8, *Caring for Older People with Diabetes: Combining Ancient Wisdom and Modern Knowledge to find Relevant Care Solutions in Australian Diabetes Educator* 19 (4), 26-29, *Diabetes Restricted Code/Dialect and What it Means for People with Diabetes and Clinicians in The Diabetes Educator*, vol. 43, no.1,18-26, among others. Professor Dunning also co-chaired the writing group for the *International Diabetes Federation Global Guideline for Managing Older People with Type 2 Diabetes* and its companion, *International Diabetes Federation Guideline for Managing Adults with Type 1 Diabetes Focusing on Older People*. She has served on many professional associations and committees. Professor Dunning was a vice president of the International Diabetes Federation from 2013-2015. She was also president of the Australian Diabetes Educators Association, a member of The National Medicines advisory committee in Australia, and human research ethics committee of Deakin University and Barwon Health. Professor Dunning is currently a board member of Diabetes Victoria. Throughout her career, she has been the recipient of several prestigious honors. Professor Dunning was made a member of the Order of Australia in 2004 for her long contribution to nursing, particularly diabetes nursing, a distinguished life fellow of the Australian College of Nursing in 2011, inducted into the *Victorian Honour Role of Women* in 2014 and was a *Senior Australian of the Year 2017 Victorian state finalist*. Well respected for her dedication and knowledge, Professor Dunning attributes her success to tenacity, ambition, and genuine passion for working with students and making a difference in the field of nursing and healthcare. She also advocates the value of a firm education foundation. Professor Dunning holds RN and CDE certifications. She obtained a Master of Education, a PhD and graduate certificates in obstetrics, infant welfare, pediatrics, family planning, aromatherapy and relaxation massage and graduate diplomas in health education and professional writing. Strongly committed to philanthropic endeavors, Professor Dunning maintains an active profile within her local community and donates to several philanthropic organizations. In her spare time, she is an avid reader, enjoys being with family and friends, her garden and animals, and creative writing.



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Serena Dank is a career transition specialist for Millikan High School, a leading educational institution in Long Beach, California. Serena was recruited by the high school administration twenty-one years ago. Serena is best known for founding Parents of Punks and her work with the organization during the 1980s. Serena appeared on nationwide television programs such as *Donahue*, *Hour Magazine*, and *The Today Show*, to speak about her group sessions designed to get “punks” and parents to communicate. Serena would walk the streets finding troubled teens and work with them to get them back on the right track. In 1982, *KABC-TV* in Los Angeles ran the news special: *We Destroy the Family Punks vs. Parents*, in which Serena was featured. Serena has also worked with the disabled as well as transgender children and the LGBT community. Well respected for her ambition, dedication, and knowledge, she attributes much of her success to integrity, hard work, and to her son, who is autistic and was recently diagnosed with a catastrophic brain injury. Her son’s strength, resilience, and trust have inspired her every day. A firm believer in the importance of education, Serena obtained a master’s degree in counseling from Lavern University. She maintains an active profile within the local community and supports a number of organizations that benefit youth. In her spare time, Serena enjoys travel and being with family and friends.

HONORS IN

Olivia Frazier Kerr, El Centro College



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prestigious honors including recognition as a *Distinguished*

Professional in her field by *Women of Distinction Magazine*. The Magazine also honored her with an *Excellence Award*, recognition in the *Top 10 Educators of 2016* edition, and placement on the cover of their magazine. In 2015, El Centro College recognized Olivia with the *Distance Education’s Quality Matters Circle of Excellence Award* and in 2014 she was recognized in *Who’s Who Publisher’s Roster of Top Female Executives* in honor of outstanding professional excellence and dedication. Olivia attributes her success to hard work, ambition, and genuine passion for working students. “I love making a difference in the lives of learners who are hungry for knowledge. The field of education is a rewarding and fitting profession for me,” she said. Olivia also advocates the value of a firm educational foundation. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in administrative office management from Bishop College, a Master of Business Administration degree in strategic leadership from Amber University (now known as Amberon University) and has completed additional graduate work at NorthCentral University in Phoenix Arizona. Strongly committed to philanthropic endeavors, she maintains an active profile in the local community and supports the United Way as well as organizations such as the Red Cross, United Negro College Fund, and Salvation Army. In her spare time, she enjoys music, playing her flute, travel, reading, attending cultural events, and spending quality time with her two adult children; Ryan (son), Randy (daughter), one grandson (Jeremiah), and her pug named Cheech. Learn more at <https://www.dcccd.edu/cd/dcc/Bus/BOSS/Faculty/Pages/OKerr.aspx> and about the *Boss Program* at <https://media.dcccd.edu/video.php?vid=9141> Email: okerr@dcccd.edu



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EDUCATION

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Lynette Latham McDougald is an instructor in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at Mississippi State University and business manager of The University Florist. Lynette's passion for arranging flowers was acquired in her childhood and has remained her lifelong avocation. She joined MSU in 1998 and has since been depended on to teach horticulture and business classes, oversee the daily operations of the University Florist, coordinate floral design displays for major campus events, and deliver a monthly interactive video for the MS Extension Service. In addition to these magnanimous responsibilities, Lynette serves as coordinator for the state Future Farmers of America's floriculture competition and is also involved in work with Master Gardner organizations and garden clubs throughout the southeast. Lynette's dedication to her craft has earned her a number of prestigious honors. In 2000, she was named *Mississippi's Floral Designer of the Year* after receiving honors in all six competitive categories. Three years later, she was selected for a prominent floral design team who were responsible for preparing Rockefeller Center for the *HBO Network's* 3,000-person gala, launching *The Sopranos* crime drama series. In 2006, Lynette was included into the American Institute of Floral Designers, the oldest and largest non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and promoting the art of floral design as a professional career. Lynette attributes her achievements to ambition, hard work, solid mentors, and passion for finding creative ways to express how people feel about love, loss, and important moments in life through her work. She also advocates the value of a firm educational foundation. Lynette holds a master's degree in horticulture and agricultural education from Mississippi State University. Lynette has also traveled to Holland and other floral world centers to learn about the latest trends in the field. She complements this extraordinary profile with an equally admirable agenda of

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Latonia Davis is the owner and director of Baby Boom Watcher, a New Jersey-based daycare center that offers a safe and supportive environment for children of all ages. Since 2011, Latonia has been responsible for the overall administration of the Center and ensuring that it is operating safely and meeting client expectations. On a daily basis, she is primarily engaged in supervision of staff, keeping the environment clean and organized, providing children with meals and entertainment, and maintaining licenses and records. On October 27, 2015

Latonia, and business partner, Anthony, opened up a new childcare center, Baby Boom Watcher Next Step.

Well known for her astute leadership and dedication, Latonia is highly regarded by staff, parents, and children and credits this success to her passion for teaching, a positive attitude, and passion for helping children “boom into success.” Latonia also attributes much of her accomplishments to her education. She has certificates in child psychology, small business management, notary essentials, fostering, adoption, and parenting. To complement her expertise in childcare, she is presently completing an undergraduate degree in social work at McKinley College. She is also attending Ashworth College online for her bachelor’s degree in education CDA. Latonia is committed to altruistic endeavors and donates to charities such as Feed the Homeless and organizations that benefit education. As a freelance writer and author of the book, *Determined to Destroy but Destined for Greatness*, she is also supportive of the arts. Additionally, she has completed intense evangelist training and holds a certificate of ordination. Latonia enjoys reading, writing, and spending time with her husband and children. She would like to give a special thank you to Sermetut Bey, the founder of CEC Foundation, for providing the necessary funding to grow the company.

Mardean M. Francis retired in 2011 from a distinguished career as an educator. For more than a decade, she served as a reading specialist for Everett Public School in Washington, where she worked with children who had physical or learning disabilities. Under her astute instruction and as a result of her dedication and commitment to providing a quality education, the school increased its overall number of passing grades for state exams by 30 percent. Equipped with experience, a passion for teaching, and a PhD in educational psychology from the University of Washington, Mardean took a year off from elementary education to teach at the university level. Her goal was to give back to the academic community by sharing her wisdom and practical experiences with other teachers; an endeavor that was as edifying for her as it was for her students. Mardean is well known and highly regarded for her contributions to academia and credits her success to perseverance, persistence, and hard work. Presently, she is considering a consultancy role in a scholastic environment and hoping to spend more time with family, especially her granddaughter. She also enjoys the liberties of her retirement by indulging her favorite pastimes, which include reading, knitting and sewing, travel, attending plays, and socializing with friends.

Professor Ann Wilcox Seidman is an economist and former professor of international development at Boston University School of Law, the second-oldest law school in Massachusetts. Professor Seidman has conducted research and taught in universities for forty-nine years, thirteen of them in third world countries. In 1962, she began teaching at the University of Ghana with her husband, acclaimed professor emeritus, Dr. Bob Seidman. Professor Seidman went on to hold positions with the University of Dar es Salaam, The University of Zambia, the University of Zimbabwe, and Peking University. She also taught legislative drafting in Botswana, Lesotho, and Mozambique and served as a distinguished visiting professor for the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. In the US, Professor Seidman taught economics at the University of Wisconsin Land Tenure Center, the University of Massachusetts-Boston, Brandeis University, and Clark University. For several years, she served on the board of directors of the African Studies Association (ASA) and was appointed its president. Along with her husband, Professor Seidman is currently a chief technical consultant to United Nations-sponsored programs that are helping the Chinese government achieve economic reforms and strengthen legislative drafting. Under the sponsorship of the United Nations Development Program and other agencies, the Seidmans have implemented similar programs in the Lao P.D.R., South Africa, Sri Lanka, Belize, Mozambique, Nepal, Kazakhstan, Bhutan, Estonia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Guyana, Afghanistan, Cambodia, and Kyrgyzstan. Professor Seidman’s previous consulting work includes her role in the *Undp-China Project* to draft twenty-two priority laws listed in *China’s 1989 National Plan* to implement its reforms and open policy. She also worked with colleagues in almost 40 countries, to develop Boston University’s *International Consortium for Law and Development*. ICLAD conducts workshops and distance courses to equip developing and transitional country drafters with an institutionalist legislative theory, methodology, and techniques for drafting evidence-based legislation. Professor Seidman has written, co-authored, and edited over eighty articles and some twenty books. Among these include, *Legislative Drafting for Democratic Social Change - a Manual for Drafters*, which is now translated into more than ten languages. She also served as an editor for *Africa’s Challenge: Using Law for Good Governance and Development* and the resource book, *Using Law to Improve Health: an East Africa Project*. Professor Seidman is well respected for her dedication and expertise and credits her success to ambition, tenacity, and hard work, qualities equally evident in her level of academic attainment. She completed a BA at Smith College, an MA at Columbia, and a PhD at the University of Wisconsin. Professor Seidman complements this extraordinary profile with an equally commendable array of humanitarian undertakings and through support of various non-profit organizations. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, reading, and the company of her grandchildren. Website: www.iclad-law.org

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College of Arts and Sciences (chair of the College of Arts and Sciences chairpersons, University faculty representative to the property, plant board of trustees committee, chairperson of the College of Arts and Sciences faculty affairs committee). During this tenure, she served as a longtime member of the NCAA Midwest Regional post-graduate scholarship committee, as well as the *NCAA Division II* regional ranking/selection committee, the American Volleyball Coaches Association all-regional selection committee, and Great Lakes Region advisory committee. Professor Lockyer served as the head volleyball coach for over 30 years, compiling a record of 734-426-7. Her 734 career wins rank fifth in all-time *NCAA Division II* history. Her career record also includes a 256-77-7 ledger during Lewis' years in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletic for Women (AIAW), making her the third-winningest coach in AIAW history. At the University, Professor Lockyer instructs a number of courses, including *Foundations of Sport Management* and *Sport Psychology*. Admirable is her involvement in charitable causes, including her contributions to Ronald McDonald House Charities. Her students in the *Foundations of Sport Management* class develop and implement fundraising campaigns for the charity as part of a class assignment; conducting the project with no startup capital. The students have demonstrated tremendous success, having raised over \$40,000 for the charity. Professor Lockyer was recently inducted into Lewis University's *Athletic Hall of Fame* as part of the 2016 class. She attributes much of her success to her faith and focus on pushing her students to prepare for life after college, no matter what road they may choose. Professor Lockyer is affiliated with numerous professional organizations including SHAPE, the nation's largest membership organization of health and physical education. Professor Lockyer attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, from which she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education with a minor in health education in 1973, a Master of Science degree in health education in 1978, and a Master of Education degree in education administration in 1988. In her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis, pickle ball, travel, and gardening. She has been married to Dr. Cary Lockyer for thirty-seven years; together they enjoy boating, particularly on Lake Michigan. Professor Lockyer also devotes time to public speaking engagements and is available for conferences throughout the United States. lockyeka@lewisu.edu

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"I learned a long time ago that being a strong litigator doesn't mean that you have to promote intimidation or hostile tactics to get what you want. You can still be a pit bull when you show others respect, grace and your intelligence. I also learned that your reputation is based upon how other's perceive you- I always wanted to be perceived as someone who cared about their clients. So I would take the time to listen to their stories, their interests, their problems and what goals they wanted achieved. You have to remain non-judgmental to assist your client in promoting their goals and interests. Success means nothing unless you have someone to stand behind you. People like people who like them."



Distinction in Law (Cont'd)

Norma F. Echarte is a managing partner of Norma Echarte & Associates. With a principal office in Miami and satellite offices in Boca Raton, West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale, the firm serves buyers, owners, developers, lenders, and brokers across South Florida. Norma has over twenty years experience representing developers, buyers, sellers and lenders in residential closings and complex condominium projects. Her areas of practice focus on real estate and condominium transactional law, corporate formation, business law, and title services. She is well versed in the various aspects of the purchase agreement. Her experiences have enabled her to provide sound advice on the ramifications of the varying real estate forms available in Florida and guide the transaction through to a successful closing. In addition to negotiating zealously for her clients (which include both individual residential purchasers and developers), Norma coordinates and conducts closings. As the closing attorney, she prepares all closing documents, performs the title study of the property, clears title issues, negotiates and satisfy liens and mortgages, prepares the HUD-1 Settlement Statement, issues owners and lender's title insurance, and provides escrow services and funding as required. Norma was born in Cuba and has lived in South Florida since arriving here as a child. She is fluent in Spanish and has staff that is fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese. Norma earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and international marketing from the University Miami in 1979 and a Juris doctorate degree from the University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables in 1982. She continues to educate herself and staff in changes in Florida law, RESPA, and the federally mandated housing regulations, particularly as it pertains to Florida real estate and corporate transactions. Norma is a member of the Cuban American Bar Association, Miami Dade County Bar, Florida Bar Real Estate, of which she has been a member of the Real Estate Probate Law since 1982. She is also a member of the Miami chapter of the NAWBO, Miami Dade County Bar Association, ARAG North America Inc. and the Miami-Dade County Real Estate Council. Norma complements this extraordinary profile with an inspiring agenda of altruistic projects, which include her pro bono work and involvement with United Way-Reading Pals and Guardian Angels. She is also a member of the board of directors of United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida.

Pamela Susan Roth is an attorney and the owner of the Law Offices of Pamela S. Roth, Esq., P.C., a Brooklyn-based firm that was established in 1995. Pamela's areas of practice include criminal defense, civil rights violations, personal injury, and premises liability. Prior to her current role, she gained invaluable experience as the assistant district attorney for Kings County District Attorneys Office. Pamela has been the recipient of a number of prestigious accolades and is well respected for her dedication and knowledge. She attributes her success to diligence, ambition, and commitment to working closely with clients to find the best way to vindicate their rights as well as minimize expenses. Pamela also advocates the value of a firm educational foundation. She pursued and obtained a Master of Business Administration degree from Adelphi University and a JD degree from Pace University School of Law. Pamela has been a member of a number of esteemed organizations including the Kings County Criminal Bar Association and the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. She was admitted to the U.S. District Court Eastern and Southern Districts of New York in 1991, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit in 1993, and the U.S. District Court, District of Colorado and U.S. Supreme Court in 1995. Pamela complements this impressive profile with an equally commendable array of philanthropic undertakings and through support of several charities. In her spare time, she enjoys being with family and friends, reading, and travel.

SPA AND

Isabelle Nordmann is the founder and chief executive officer of After the Rain, Europe's first urban day spa with locations in Geneva, Switzerland, and Paris, France. Isabelle established After the Rain in 2002, after leaving a successful career in information technology as a computer scientist. She decided to follow her intuition and a longtime dream of opening a day spa focused on personalization and an eco-friendly approach. As founder, Isabelle is involved in all aspects of her business, ranging from marketing and graphic design to customer relations and the selection of treatment offerings. She even used her IT background to create a "spawizard," a comprehensive web-based spa management software that handles everything from customer reservations to statistics. Isabelle bases her business on six principles: personalization, creativity, authenticity, expertise, legitimacy, and respect of men and nature—and maintains a commitment to her clients and the environment. Her company employs eco-friendly practices, including using recycled materials, no excess packaging and reduction of energy and paper consumption. She's continued to work hard to make After the Rain one-of-a-kind, and the spa immediately became well-known for its customized service and innovative range of fresh products. In 2009, her hard work paid off and After the Rain expanded internationally through partnerships with renowned hotels, distributors, and franchises. The spa has also received positive reviews in the international press, including being recognized as one of the best urban day spas in the world in 2010 by readers of *Conde Nast's Traveler* magazine. Today, After the Rain offers a range of traditional spa services as well as prescription products and a cosmetic line. Isabelle earned a bachelor's in business administration in marketing and finance from the University of Denver and is affiliated with the Spa Business Association. A generous philanthropist, she regularly donates to charities aimed at finding a cure for childhood cancers. In her spare time, Isabelle enjoys being with her three children, traveling, and practicing Pilates and yoga.

Holly Stroup a renowned cellular health consultant, licensed skin care professional in oncology trained esthetics, mobile spa business owner, fit specialist (mastectomies), and public speaker. She is a survivor as a lower limb amputee in 2008, double mastectomy due to breast cancer in 2010 as well as of domestic violence for over twenty-five years. Holly began her business from the compassion she has for helping others that are struggling in the midst of their personal life changing adversities. She is currently the chief executive officer of Holly Stroup, Inc., a mobile spa to include mastectomy fitting service that supplies pre and post-operative information and apparel needed for all types of breast surgeries. Holly founded the company in 2011 and has since been responsible for its overall daily operation, leading product development efforts, and creating and executing strategic growth plans. Holly is personally committed to assisting women, men, and children in restoring and enhancing their self-esteem and personal value by helping them with their healing process in cancer, amputations, and domestic violence, as well as providing a plethora of resources to assist clients in overcoming personal challenges. A firm believer in the importance of education, Holly pursued and obtained degree in medical transcription from Kaplan Online University, license for Esthetics in Indiana and certification of oncology trained esthetics from Oncology Spa Solutions. She did a public service announcement in 2012 for Oncology Spa Solutions 2016, the Breast Cancer Society in AZ, published articles in multiple magazines to include the Breast Cancer Wellness Magazine in 2016, and Senior Lifestyle Advantage Magazine 2017. She is a proud member of several professional organizations including Associated Skin Care Professionals, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Alpha Beta Kappa National Honor Society. Despite a naturally altruistic position, Holly further impacts the community through her support of Face In the Mirror, FIM4Men, and All About Us Kids.

BEAUTY SERVICES

Tracy Lacina is the owner of Skin Deep Salon & Spa, based in Coralville, Iowa. The Salon offers a wide range of beauty and esthetic services and also has a special focus on caring for cancer patients. A cancer survivor herself, Tracy wanted her company to be more than just another salon. She started the business as a sole proprietor by renting a single room in December of 2009. In July 2010, once Tracy became trained in oncology esthetics she opened her second studio. It wasn't long before she realized that something amazing was happening and knew she needed to expand once again. Skin Deep Salon & Spa opened on January 1, 2011 and Tracy was the first in this area to offer any type of skin care service for the clients whose health has been affected by cancer. Within the walls of Skin Deep you will find licensed massage therapists, estheticians, nail technicians, a cosmetologist, and two makeup artists. Tracy's daughter, cosmetologist Stephanie Seckel, also works along side her mother at the salon and became oncology trained in April. Throughout her career, Tracy has been the recipient of many accolades and recently her salon was made a preferred partner by Strand of Strength. Tracy is highly regarded for her ambition and perseverance and attributes her success to surrounding herself with passionate and caring professionals as well as her compassion and commitment to helping others. She said, "Over the past six years of caring for cancer clients, my life has been touched to a degree that words cannot define. I have learned so much about adversity and inner-strength. I've cried, laughed and listened with more intention than I ever thought possible. My compassion and desire to continue helping others grows with each client. I've learned from yesterday, live in the moment today and look forward to tomorrow." In addition to her role at the Salon, In January of 2017, Tracy became a regional trainer for Oncology Spa Solutions. She currently travels throughout the Midwest, training other spa professionals how to care for the clients undergoing anti-cancer therapies. Tracy is also the vice president of Surviving In Style, an organization that raises funds for cancer screenings for those not able to receive screenings due to financial burden. Since its establishment in 2013, the organization has donated over 18,000 back to cancer patients. Outside of her work and altruistic pursuits, Tracy enjoys travel, being outdoors, and the company of her family and friends. Website: www.skindeepsalonspa.com



Irene Redman is the owner of Avenue Hair Styling and Day Spa, a Topeka, Kansas-based business that offers a wide range of services including hair styling, Brazilian blowouts, massage therapy, manicures & pedicures, and waxing. Irene established the company in 1988 and has since been responsible for all day to day operations, promoting services and products, executing strategic marketing tactics, and hiring, training, and managing staff. Irene is the former owner of Changes of Topeka, a company that offered body treatments aimed at slimming, firming, and toning the body. She has been featured by a number of media outlets including *The Kansas City Star*, *The Wichita Eagle*, *KCTV 5 News*, and *NTV ABC Nebraska TV*. Irene is highly respected for her dedication and exceptional service and attributes her success to ambition, drive, strong commitment to client satisfaction, and more than four decades of experience in the industry. Irene obtained her cosmetology license from Stewart Beauty School and continues to educate herself by participating in training to remain abreast of the latest techniques, styles, and products. Strongly committed to altruistic endeavors, Irene maintains an active profile in the community and supports several organizations that benefit youth and the arts. Irene also served as a Girl Scout leader for ten years, managing three different troops. In her spare time, she enjoys painting, gardening, being outdoors, cross-country skiing, reading, and being with friends and family.

ENVIRONMENT

Robin Reese is the president of Integrated Environments Ltd (IEL), a mid-sized regulatory and environmental planning, management, and field services company that specializes in the energy resource sector. IEL is based in Calgary, Alberta and is the founding member of the Integrated Environments Group of Companies which includes Proceed Solutions, an information management consultancy, and Proceed Land, a land management consultancy. Robin joined IEL in 2007, bringing a breadth of experience in environmental science, planning, and management. She is one of a handful of partners whose vision and drive led the growth and transformation of IEL from a small boutique environmental consultancy to the mid-size group of companies it is today. This transformation involved building the companies from the ground up to align with client needs. The suite of services and solutions that the group now offers span all aspects of the energy industry's asset lifecycle. Robin is responsible for IEL's project operations. She works closely with IEL's business lines and technical leads on the strategic development surrounding IEL's project delivery and products distributed by the IEL group. Robin also continues to provide clients with environmental planning and management services with a focus on linear corridor (pipeline and transmission line) and facility planning and environmental impact assessment. Robin has experience at both the federal and provincial level of government as well as in private industry. She has contributed to federal and provincial environmental (impact) assessments, industrial approvals, EPEA, *Public Lands Act*, Oil and Gas Commission (OGC), Forestry Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO), *Water Act*, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) applications for small to large-scale environmental regulatory applications for the oil & gas sector in both Alberta and British Columbia. Robin also works closely with The Boreal Group Ltd., a Canadian environmental project management company specializing in the planning, assessment, and advancement of major pipeline infrastructure projects. A firm believer in the importance of higher education, Robin obtained a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in zoology from the University of Guelph in 2001 and a master's degree in environmental science from the University of Calgary in 2007. She attributes her successful career to passion, persistence, and dedication to conserving the environment, protecting human health, and promoting efficient resource use. Robin is a proud member of several professional organizations including the Alberta Society of Professional Biologists. A longtime resident of Calgary, she maintains an active profile in the community and donates generously to organizations that benefit both breast and prostate cancer research. Robin enjoys her spare time by being with friends and family, travel, and participating in outdoor activities such as hiking and skiing.

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Wendy J. Buckley is an accomplished environmental management and Hazmat transportation professional. She is the founder and president of Specialty Transportation and Regulatory Services (STARS), a Bensalem, Pennsylvania-based firm that specializes in the storage, handling, disposal, and transportation of hazardous materials and dangerous goods. Wendy and her team have expertise with all classes of hazardous materials and transportation by rail, highway, vessel, air, and pipeline. The firm's experienced Hazmat consultants make it easy for clients to comply with regulatory requirements by offering personalized solutions that minimize compliance risks and reduce operating costs while simultaneously increasing profits. STARS also offers personalized training courses on regulatory compliance and how to safely package, ship, store, and transport hazardous materials and dangerous goods. Learn more at www.starshazmat.com. Driven by entrepreneurship, Wendy Buckley established STARS in 2011 to help companies develop cost effective ways to comply with both state and federal regulations in a safe and efficient manner. As president, she is responsible for the daily operations of the company, including project management and design, budgeting, marketing, and business development. Wendy also oversees the publication of the periodic newsletter, *Hazmat Chronicle*. While serving as president, Wendy mitigated DOT fines for clients in excess of \$500,000 in one 12-month period and designed programs to prevent recurrence. She also designed and implemented a hazardous materials compliance program that significantly reduced injuries and DOT non-compliance for truck, rail, barge and pipeline transportation, and storage. In addition, Wendy obtained an AAR waiver to correct a \$20 million error in railroad tank car build, identified and corrected tank car defects during construction, saving clients approximately \$60 million and performed root cause analysis for a client's transportation accident to prevent recurrence and reduced their DOT find by more than 50 percent. Wendy travels nationwide to speak on various topics related to the transportation and management of hazardous materials for numerous organizations including the National Industrial League, Bureau of Explosives, Dangerous Industrial Transportation League, and *Dangerous Goods Symposium* by LabelMaster. Wendy has published articles in several prestigious magazines including, *Boxes and Bottles and Jars*, *Oh My!* in *Packaging World Magazine's* November 2013 issue, *Rail Safety and Regulatory Perspective* in *Focal Pointes Magazine* May 2014 issue, and *HM-251-It's Not Just for Crude Oil Anymore!* in *Packing World Magazine* September 2015 issue. Prior to her current role, she gained invaluable experience as a regulatory affairs specialist for WWR International, instructor of international and domestic hazardous materials regulations for Lion Technology, railroad hazardous material safety inspector for both the Federal Railroad Administration and the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and hazmat technician, firefighter and EMT for the Hanover County and Prince George's County Fire Departments. Wendy is well respected by both colleagues and clients for her practical knowledge and dedication and attributes her success to tenacity and hard work, qualities equally evident in her level of academic attainment. Wendy obtained Bachelor of Science degree in international business from Strayer University-Maryland and a master's certificate in project management from Villanova University. She went on to earn a Master of Science degree in environmental health and safety management and a master's certificate in environmental management including air, water, and waste management from the University of Findlay. Wendy has been the recipient of several prestigious accolades including recognition as a *2016 Top Female Executive* by *Worldwide*



Who's Who as a result of the high quality service that her company provides and her outstanding contribution to the environmental industry. She was also recognized as *2016 Top Professional of the Year in Environmental Services* by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), *2014 Pinnacle Professional of the Year* by Continental Who's Who, *2014 Woman of the Year* by The National Association of Professional Women (NAPW), and featured as an *Elite Industry Leader in Hazardous Materials* in the fall 2014 edition of *Women of Distinction Magazine*. Strongly committed to altruistic endeavors, Wendy maintains an active profile in the community and supports the local dog rescue. In her spare time, she enjoys taking art classes for painting and pottery and being with her newborn twins, William and Ellerie, and rescue dog, Brutus.



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2017 Travel Professional of the Year: Lisa Federico, Academy Travel



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Academy Travel, one of the largest and most successful travel agencies in the nation, specializes in Disney Destinations and is known as the original Disney-exclusive agency. Founded in 1994, the agency has provided more than 20 years of Disney expertise and top-notch service to customers looking to book the trip of their dreams. The company is an Authorized Disney Vacation Planner and Top Sales Performer for 2009-2017, is often recognized as a leader in the industry, and has received numerous accolades. In 2015, the company received EarMarked® Platinum status, which is the highest honor an agency can receive from The Walt Disney Travel Company and a distinction shared with only five other agencies in the world. The Agency hit nearly 40 million dollars in sales in 2017 and will again be recognized by Disney’s EarMarked® program. Academy Travel is a top producer of runDisney® vacation packages, registrations and specializes in Disney Destinations, including Walt Disney World®, Dis-

ney Cruise Line®, Disneyland Resort®, Adventures by Disney®, Disney Theme Parks®, and Disney’s Aulani Resort® in Hawaii. In addition to being the Disney experts, the agency arranges cruises on all major lines to destinations over the world including, the Caribbean, Mexico, Hawaii, and Europe. Academy Travel is a member of the American Society of Travel Agents, Cruise Lines Association, and International Airlines Travel Agents Network.

About the Founder: Lisa Federico is a Certified Travel Industry Expert (CTIE) with 25 years of experience in the travel industry. Lisa’s journey to travel agent and Disney expert began when her first son, Harry, was in kindergarten. She began organizing, planning, and booking trips for young families in her small town. It wasn’t long before the Walt Disney Travel Company contacted her because her high revenue and sales volume stood out in their system. Lisa was fortunate enough at the time to be married to an IT professional who continues to manage the website. Together they built www.mickeyvacations.com, which was one of the first Disney exclusive online travel agent website. By 1995, the website grew into a business supporting agents that wanted to work from home specializing in Disney Destinations. Lisa began networking with groups that started to support work from home travel agents. She met people who told her that limiting herself to Disney vacations was insane and it would never work. However, Lisa’s “niche” of being Disney exclusive kept more and more people coming to her for her expertise. It brought attention to her website and business model.

In 2001 Lisa met Jayne Sees, a woman that would become her friend and instrumental in her business success. Jayne was a client who

desired to become a travel agent and work from home. With a background in business and marketing, Lisa hired her as her sales manager to oversee the growing team of agents so that she could spend her time educating and expanding her business. By 2006 Lisa and Jayne had a large team of independent travel consultants and were a top producing travel agency specializing in Disney Destinations.



In 2009, a friend asked Lisa to help him create a team and direct sales company for his quickly growing handbag company, Nahui Ollin. Lisa continued with her business and also worked in an office at his location for a year developing and training a team. In 2009, she opened a store front and offices dedicated to Disney Destinations. After just 6 weeks in the store, Lisa had to cancel their grand opening, just months after Jayne's daughter recovered from cancer Jayne herself was diagnosed with cancer. Lisa spent many days and nights in that storefront alone, and Jayne worked in between chemo. When Jayne finished chemo in fall 2009, they were a top-producing agency with The Walt Disney Travel Co. and celebrated during an annual conference in Walt Disney World. After three years of running the storefront they became busier supporting their team of agents more than booking vacations in the lobby. "People were booking online which made the storefront struggle". Lisa closed the store in 2011. The week she was moving out she was asked by AAA Travel in WCNY to accept a consulting position in Buffalo to create a program and hire, train, and maintain a team of outside travel agents to specialize in Disney Destinations. She worked seven days a week growing and supporting her own agents, and traveled to Buffalo once a month to train the 97 people they hired for AAA WCNY. In just 9 months AAA WCNY Disney sales grew by over 1 million dollars in revenue and Lisa left to concentrate on her business that was growing even faster. In 2013, Lisa was asked to help build a team of direct sales team for Monster Blinds. She consulted in the very little spare time helping them create their own sales team, websites, and marketing manuals. However, Academy Travel and her team needed much of her attention, and she was dedicated to the amazing team who supported her.

Since 2013 Lisa's staff has grown to a team of 12 employees, with amazing affiliations that help keep the business a top-producing agency. Lisa has trained thousands of people to work from home within her own business and for the companies she has consulted with. In fact, the business model she created in the early 90s put work from home as a travel agent specializing in Disney vacations on the



map. 90% of her team is moms working from home or looking to supplement their income. Lisa also has more than two decades of experience consulting and working with direct sales companies. She has written guidebooks and training manuals and continues to write, train, publicly speak, and consult. She is currently working on a new book, developing websites, and has many new and exciting things planned ahead. Numerous media outlets have interviewed Lisa and publications including, *Travel Weekly*, *Travel Trade*, *Agent @ Home Magazine*, *The Washington Post* and many local radios and newspapers for her marketing ideas as a travel consultant. In 2005, she was chosen by the Cruise Line International Association to be interviewed and honored by a visit from Bob Sharak, the vice president of CLIA at a cruise night featuring Disney Destinations that she organized. It was the largest WLCN (Worlds Largest Cruise Night) with an attendance of over 200 clients. From 2010-2012, she was asked to be on the Walt Disney Travel Company EarMarked Travel Advisory Council (EMTAC).

When asked what has contributed to her success, Lisa stated, "It started with wanting to give my sons Harry and Jimmy everything they needed. Stride Rite shoes turned to basketball sneakers, graduation shoes, work shoes (I'm hoping for wedding shoes soon!). But over the years the success is due to my dedication to my team, which is most important to me. I have so many agents that thank me for the opportunity, for making a company they can be proud to work for and for them to be able to work from home and make extra income, and to be able to run a business and have a career to be proud of. The success of the Walt Disney Company, that continues to grow, win awards and be the top travel destination in the world is a product that we are all proud to sell. The amazing people I have met along the way. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for my team and my agents. They make me constantly strive on making this business better – I do it for them."

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Honors in REAL



Joy Paris is the owner and president of Joy Paris Inc. dba RE/MAX Lake Granbury. Joy began her real estate career in Midland Texas in 1974. After moving to Granbury in 1983, she established her company and led to its position as one of the leading real estate businesses in Texas. Joy has been a consistent multi-million dollar producer for over thirty-six years and specializes in residential, commercial, and ranch sales. As a member of the Granbury Association of Realtors for over twenty-eight years, she has served as secretary, director, and president, and has received *Realtor of the Year* and *Realtor Outstanding Citizen* awards from her peers. Joy is well known and highly respected for her superior level of service, vast market knowledge, integrity, and warm personality, and credits her success to passion, hard work, and commitment to building and maintaining strong relationships with clientele. Complementing a successful professional career, is Joy's inspiring philanthropic profile, which includes serving as director

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ESTATE

Janet Gordon Hall is a broker and the owner of Janet G. Hall Realty, an agency that specializes in properties in King, Pinnacle, Walnut, Cove, Tobaccoville, Winston-Salem, and Mount Airy., North Carolina. Janet established the agency eight years ago, bringing more than three decades of experience as a real estate agent and broker. Currently, she is responsible for all operations of the company, marketing, listing properties, and managing agents. In addition to real estate, Janet has served as an educator and administrator for a number of years. She taught physical education at Chestnut Grove Junior High School and served as an assistant principal for Pilot Mountain Middle School and principal of Foothills High School, Chestnut Grove Middle School, and King Elementary School. Janet is currently an adjunct instructor at Forsyth Technical College in Winston-Salem. She is highly respected for her diligence and ambition and attributes her success to tenacity, hard work, and a naturally competitive nature. A firm believer in the importance of higher education, Janet obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and an administrative certificate from Appalachian State University as well as a Master of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She complements this impressive profile with an equally commendable array of humanitarian undertakings and supports several youth programs in the local community. In her spare time, Janet enjoys cooking, travel, and the company of her husband, George, an adjunct instructor at Forsyth Technical Community College and two adult children, Christen and Kyle.

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“There have been few things in my life which have had a more genial effect on my mind than the possession of a piece of land.”

-Harriet Martineau



Andrea Warshaw-Wernick is a real estate broker for Warburg Realty, a privately held residential real estate brokerage firm in New York City, head by founder and former broker Frederick Peters. Whether you are buying, selling or renting, Andrea brings unparalleled tenacity and commitment to your needs. She has always been in the business of making the right connections and does so with great enthusiasm, whether between a person and the perfect property or a company and top talent. In her addition to her successful real estate career, Andrea became a life changer for women seeking empowerment and a better lifestyle with her well-known FabAtAnyAge.com video blog, which helps women of any age understand that they can still be vital, and as a lifestyle coach. As a life and style coach, she connects women to the proper nutritionist, trainer, doctor, or other professional who can most help them in the areas of their life they'd like to improve. Andrea would like to help women answer questions such as 'What gym should I go to?' 'What kind of workout is best for me based on my weight-loss goals?' 'What diet should I have if I want to lose weight and have more energy?' She personally takes clients to the trainer, nutritionist, and even to the personal shopper if they desire. Not only does she connect them with the best people for their goals, but she also acts as a personal motivator. Women hire Andrea as the ultimate general contractor of their 'home,' which in this case is their mind and body. Prior to her current roles, Andrea served as the CEO and founder of Warshaw Blumenthal. Andrea's drive led her to found and create a thriving national storyboard company, which she eventually sold, and then later excelled as a creative recruiter placing advertising professionals at leading agencies. She also worked in the fast-paced world of advertising, honing her eye for detail and sales savvy as a photo retoucher and photographer representative. A firm believer in the importance of higher education, Andrea obtained a bachelor's and master's degree in education from Queens College and Hunter College respectively. She attributes her success to tenacity, ambition, commitment to client satisfaction, and to her mother, who instilled in her the value of hard work and ability to reinvent oneself. Andrea's father died young and her mother was left with little money. A woman, named Jean, had a consortium and taught Andrea's mother how to make bras for women who had mastectomies. That was the world before reconstructive surgery. Andrea worked there too every day after school and on Sundays. Her mother eventually bought

the business and was able to retire at 50. Andrea admires her courage, strength, and dedication to improving her life to this day. Andrea is a longtime Plaza 400 resident who divides her time between Manhattan and the Hamptons with her husband Joel. She also enjoys traveling, the outdoors, and being with her four grandchildren and Yorkie, Lola.

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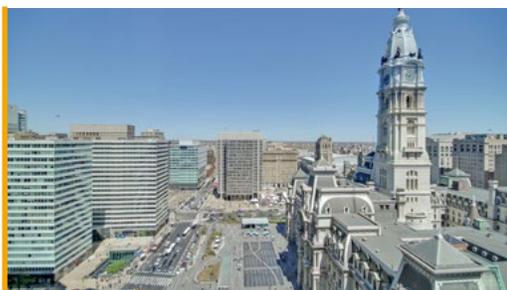
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Kristin Daly is an associate broker, team leader, and partner of The Daly Group, a dynamic team of six seasoned real estate professionals ranked in the top three percent of realtors in Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs. Kristin founded the Daly Group at Keller Williams Realty in early 2012 and has grown it organically since then, closing more than 50 million in sales since 2016. With deals closing at an average of 97% of list price, and 24/7 availability, The Daly Group has proven time and time again to make the real estate process quick and efficient delivering stellar results. Kristin and her team are passionate about coaching and mentoring and love contributing to the growth and success of real estate professionals, whether they are new or seek to reinvigorate their career. Kristin has become a preferred relocation broker by executives, physicians, and academic leadership considering relocation to Philadelphia and the East Coast. Kristin has been frequently featured in the media and has appeared with clients on HGTV's House Hunters and My First Place. She is fondly known as a "connector" for her commitment to connecting clients to their best real estate purchase and or/investment, and helping to integrate them into the surrounding community. Kristin obtained a Bachelor of Science degree and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She completed her broker's requirements at Temple University's Real Estate Institute. Kristin has been licensed as a salesperson since 2006 and as a broker since 2010. She has served as an appointed member of the PA Association of Realtors Presidential Advisory Group regarding climate change and its effects on the real estate industry, past board member and sponsor of the Professional Women's Roundtable, member of the SSWBA, and member of the South of South Neighborhood Association. Kristin complements this impressive profile with an equally commendable array of altruistic pursuits. She is the founder of SWCC 5K Run, a community building event and scenic run through the Graduate Hospital neighborhood. To this date, the event has donated over \$30,000 to various interest groups and more recently has been embraced as an on-going fundraiser for The Friends of Chester Arthur (FOCA), supporting the local public elementary school. Kristin is also deeply involved in Philadelphia public schools and mentors at Cristo Rey. She was an honored recipient of a Blue Ribbon Award from the Philadelphia 17th Police District for her community work. Outside of her professional schedule and community involvement, Kristin enjoys being with her husband, Brian and two young sons, Leo and Colt, listening to music, traveling, salsa dancing, and staying fit by running and practicing yoga. **Website:** www.dalyluxuryhomes.com **Email:** kristin@dalyluxuryhomes.com



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Jennifer Jackson

Allen Tate Real Estate

Jennifer Jackson is a residential and commercial real estate broker for Allen Tate Real Estate, the #1 independently owned real estate company in the Carolinas, and a premier member of the Leading Real Estate Companies of the World Network. Jennifer joined Allen Tate in 2003 and was designated as the Most Likely to Succeed from her Winner's Edge training classmates. Within her first five years, she grew her real estate career to become the #1 broker in the Charlotte region for the company, earning her the Associate of the Year/Closed Volume Award. Jennifer has been the recipient of a number of other prestigious accolades including, induction into the 2016 Legends Club for closing over 100 million dollars in closed volume. She has also finished in the top five percent of the Allen Tate Company, earning her the *Winner's Circle Award*, *Master's Circle Award*, *Chairman's Circle Award*, *H. Allen Tate Jr. Award*, *President's Club Award*, and *Legend's Club Award*. Jennifer has been featured on the cover of the *Charlotte Business Journal Commercial Quarterly* as an industry leader and has been awarded the *CRCBR's Deal Maker's Silver Award*. Prior to her career in real estate, Jennifer was involved in NASCAR® and founded Integrity Design & Development with the brand, Integrity Porcelain Motorsports™. Through her relationships in the automotive racing industry and by making premier vehicle replicas of the top race teams, the company achieved success and was acquired by The Franklin Mint for which she was retained as a consultant on the product line. Well respected for her diligence and ambition, Jennifer credits her success to passion, hard work, and commitment to client satisfaction. A firm believer in the importance of education, Jennifer obtained a BSBA degree in marketing with a minor in merchandising from Western Carolina University. She is licensed in North Carolina and South Carolina and continues to educate herself through her affiliation with the Charlotte Region Residential Board of Realtors (CRRA) as well as the Charlotte Region Commercial Board of Realtors (CRCBR). Jennifer is also a candidate for CCIM designation. Attentive to civic duties, she maintains an active agenda of philanthropic pursuits, which includes serving on the wine committee of the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital and as an active member of the Mint Museum Auxiliary. In addition, Jennifer has served nine years on the board of directors of The Patriot Charities, where she held the position of treasurer and live/silent auction co-chair. Through events like *The Patriot Gala* held annually at the Quail Hollow Country Club and the *Bag Lady Luncheon* held in 2015 and 2017 at the Trump National Golf Club, the charity works to aid wounded military members and their families returning to North and (cont'd on next page)





(cont'd) South Carolina. In 2015, Jennifer helped orchestrate a merger with another charity to form Patriot Military Family Foundation, where she serves on the board of trustees and the finance committee. Jennifer also donated her time and expertise to the Economic Development Planning Committee for the Navigate Cornelius project establishing the 2030 small area plan and thus the framework for future development in the Cornelius/Lake Norman area. She has served on the LKN Chamber of Commerce Business Expo Planning Committee, the Allen Tate ASC Fund Drive, and is a founding member of the LKN Real Estate Alliance. In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys traveling, attending concerts and sporting events, and being with her two Chihuahuas; Napoleon and Alexander Hamilton.

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HEALTH AND FITNESS

Marilyn K. Dorlac is the president of Native Amazon Productions Inc., a Canoga Park, California-based company that offers fitness programs that teach, motivate, and inspire individuals to take fitness to the next level. Marilyn founded the company in 1995 with the ultimate goal of providing products and services that would allow people to achieve their weight loss goals. That same year, she created the 15 Minute Motivational Workout and *K-PAL TV* gave her the opportunity to host her own show, *Morning Workout with Marilyn*. Marilyn herself went through all types of diets and after losing 100 pounds was inspired to help others achieve the same success. In addition to managing the daily operations of Native Amazon Productions Inc., she hosts her own television show and also devotes time to writing. Among her published works include, *Pandora's Diary 1*. Marilyn is well known and highly respected for her dedication and vast-ranging knowledge and attributes her success to ambition, perseverance, and hard work. Strongly committed to altruistic endeavors, she maintains an active profile within the community where she distributes toys for needy children and also supports organizations that assist domestic violence victims as well as the local fire and police departments. In her spare time, Marilyn enjoys reading, travel, and being with friends and family.

Tricia Burns is a fitness expert, wellness coach, and the owner of Team Burns LLC, a company through which she provides fitness training, customized workout programs, and weight management plans. Tricia is the co-author of *Rapid Body Make-over: The World's Leading Experts Reveal Proven Health, Fitness & Nutrition Secrets to Help You Achieve the Body You've Always Wanted but Couldn't Have Until Now!* On the day of release, the book achieved best-seller status in eight *Amazon.com* categories - reaching as high as #1 in the *Exercise and Fitness Injury Prevention* category and #2 in the *Quick Workouts* category. The book also reached best-seller status in six other categories, including, *Exercise and Fitness*. Throughout her career, Tricia has been recognized with a number of prestigious accolades including being named one of *America's PremierExperts®*. Tricia attributes much of her success to dedication, hard work, and commitment to helping clients achieve their goals. A resident of Philip, SD, she maintains an active profile in the community and supports a number of non-profit organizations that benefit healthcare. Tricia devotes her spare time to being with her husband, Marty and their five children and helping on the family ranch.



Michelle Diaz wears many hats as an amateur Muay Thai Fighter at Renzo Gracie Academy NYC, a skincare professional at Heyday facial shop, and as an esthetics instructor at the private trade school, Atelier Esthétique Institute of Esthetics. On a daily basis, Michelle is involved in training Muay Thai, completing facials, and teaching students the fundamentals of esthetics and how to become a licensed esthetician. "Muay Thai training can be broken up into 3 classes-technical instruction, sparring, and fight training sessions. During technical training, the instructors breakdown various combinations and teach how to properly perform the technique. We then pair off and continue working on this technique first with just our partner, then later adding in pads where we are able to apply the technique with a bit more power. Sparring class is where we apply our creativity using all the techniques learned from the technique classes. This is where you really get to excel in martial arts because this is where your physical fitness, mental strength and creativity all come into play. Fight training is a special session focused specifically on techniques and skills for those who are actively competing in the ring. It's a more intense session heavily focusing on enhancing physical fitness to be in fighting shape, and sharpening skills necessary for success in the ring. My time at Heyday is just as exciting, but more mellow. I have the pleasure of performing face treatments to clients of all demographics, and helping them learn how to properly care for their skin. This involves both topical regimens and advice such as diet and lifestyle choices. Seeing return clients and hearing the success stories of how I've helped them love their skin again is the reason I love doing what I do. This job is so gratifying and makes me enjoy coming to work everyday. I take pride in my professional treatments and give my very best, undivided attention to each and every client I see. Because of my passion for helping others, teaching is a natural joy for me. At Atelier Esthetique Institute of Aesthetics, I teach classes that entail both theory and hands-on education." A firm believer in the importance of education, Michelle obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from the University of California Santa Barbara and a New York State Esthetics License from Dermalogica Academy in New York City. She has been the recipient of numerous awards including, recognition as a *WKA Amateur National 105 lb Novice Muay Thai Champion*, *TBA Amateur Novice Strawweight World Muay Thai Champion*,

(featured on the front page of the *Pacific Daily Newspaper* and a television segment on Guam's #1 news channel, *KUAM*). Strongly committed to altruistic endeavors, she maintains an active profile in the community and has been involved in many charitable organizations. Michelle participated two consecutive years with Pelotonia in a grassroots bike ride to raise money for cancer research at the Ohio State University - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. Michelle rode 100 miles one year and 50 miles the next. She raised over \$6,000 herself for the organization and personally curated items for the company held auction, which helped raise over \$1000. Michelle also volunteered to work two separate charity auctions for Newmark School for Learning Disabilities, which were held on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. One year, she personally curated auction items, which sold for \$25,000. In addition, Michelle volunteered to work a charity event where the funds raised went to the children's cancer and blood foundation for Spread Some Love. Outside of her professional schedule and charitable endeavors, Michelle enjoys cooking, discovering new places to eat in NYC, DIY crafts, making her own skincare products, and being with her family, mother, Joanne, father, Melvin, sisters, Joleen, Vanessa, and Christiana, nieces, Meilani, Isis, and Kealani, and nephews, Isaiah, and Jordan, and boyfriend, Joseph Sampieri.

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Diane M. Butler is the publisher and owner of St. Croix Explorer Map, a publication for tourism and travel in St. Croix, one of the United States Virgin Islands. The Explorer is an indispensable guide for visitors and includes historical data, a restaurant guide, hotel and lodging information, a schedule of activities, and details on real estate. Diane, who is a professional photographer, provides the visually stunning imagery of the picturesque island for all of the brochures, magazines, and postcards. Since starting SCEM more than fourteen years ago, she has also overseen all of its operations, including sales, customer relations, promotions, printing, and designing. One of her most innovative services is income-based advertising, which allows even small or independent businesses to promote their goods and services within Explorer publications. Diane is a longstanding and contributing member of the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce and the St. Croix Environmental Association. She received her degree in photography from Madison School of Technology and has worked as an event and corporate photographer for over two decades. When she is not engaged with professional obligations or philanthropic endeavors, Diane enjoys sailing and spending time with her family.

Doris E. Miller is a poet and author of western novels. Her first book, *The Skylars*, was published by AuthorHouse in January 2012. Doris was born in Nebraska and moved to Wyoming during her early childhood years. She was a rancher's wife for twenty-six years, and so came to love the western ways of life. Doris never realized she had the imagination to write a book, let alone have one published, but with the urging of her husband, she was amazed at how easy writing became. Doris has been recognized by the *International Library of Poetry* with a *Certificate of Accomplishment* and by the International Society of Poets as a *Distinguished Member*. She credits much of her success to her husband as well as dedication and hard work. Doris maintains an active profile within the local community and supports various organizations that benefit the arts. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, embroidering, travel, reading, and being with friends and family.

Helen C. Olian is an accomplished author, illustrator, and the owner of Maypole Books, an Albuquerque, New Mexico-based company that publishes children's picture books. Since the tender age of eight, Helen dreamed of one day becoming a writer. She worked arduously towards her dream and successfully published a number of well-received books which include, *The Doggie Farm*, *Tales from the Supershows*, and *The Aliens*. The latter work has been sold around the world for over twenty years and was listed as one of Amazon's *100 Best Sellers*. Helen is well respected by readers, peers, and the literary community for her creativity and dedication and attributes her accomplishments to ambition, strong family support, and passion for enriching the lives of children through her works. An avid believer in the importance of education, Helen obtained a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Pittsburgh and also completed studies at the University of Chicago and Goucher College. She complements this remarkable profile with an equally commendable altruistic agenda and through support of various organizations that benefit youth, the community, and the arts.

The Spirit of an Age May be Best Expressed in the Abstract Ideal Arts, for the Spirit Itself is Abstract and Ideal.

-Oscar Wilde

Debra L. McWaters is the president and artistic director of the Broadway Theater Project, a musical theatre intensive training program that provides its apprentices with critical training in the disciplines of acting, dancing, and singing, taught by a faculty of accomplished educators and performers. Debra's personal passion is ballroom dancing, for which she is both teacher and student, and has infused the style into her own choreography for others, including the apprentices of the *Broadway Theatre Project*. Despite an enviable career directing and choreographing on stages around the world and, most significantly, on Broadway, Debra's life mission has always involved helping young people. Her passion is the artistic development of aspiring actors, singers, dancers, and performers of all types, but with a particular fondness for dance, the discipline from which Debra has drawn inspiration from the likes of Bob Fosse, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Eleanor Powell, and Mikhail Baryshnikov. In particular, Mr. Fosse's work has been so inspiring to Debra that she not only become one of the foremost teachers of his unique choreography, but wrote one of the definitive books on the subject: *The Fosse Style*. For more than 15 years, Debra was first the assistant choreographer and then associate choreographer for director, choreographer, and protégé, Ann Reinking. With Ann, she participated in projects that began with the mounting of both the New York City Center Encores! production and the (still-running) Broadway production of the *Tony Award*-winning, smash hit, *Chicago The Musical*. Debra's involvement in this now-iconic show continued on with the London, Australian, and Viennese companies as well as the two simultaneous first US national tours, one of which became housed at Las Vegas' Mandalay Bay Resort for more than a year. Debra then careened into yet another award winner, *Fosse*, assisting Ann on the Broadway, West End, and national and European tours. The show won the 1999 *Tony Award* for best musical. Later, Debra herself became the director and choreographer of the second national and European tours of *Fosse*, in addition to a special post-touring engagement presented by The Gateway Playhouse in New York. Debra was associate choreographer of *Applause* at Papermill Playhouse, *Strings!* at New York City Center Encores!, *The Look of Love* at Roundabout Theatre Company, *The Visit* at the Goodman Theatre with Chita Rivera, *Legends* at Joffrey Ballet in Chicago, *Suite Kander* at Missouri State Ballet, *Tonight at 8:30* at Williamstown Theatre Festival, and *Caution: Side Effects* with Melissa Thodos Dancers. She was also associate director and choreographer for *Broadway Under the Stars* at Bryant Park, choreographer for Ben Vereen's one-man shows, and choreographer for the workshops of two of composer Frank Wildhorn's musicals: *Wonderland* and *Havana*. Deeply committed to academia, Debra served as chair of the University of South Florida dance department in Tampa. She holds a master's degree in mathematics with a concentration in statistics and, in her earlier non-showbiz life, worked at NASA on the space program, where her father was a launch team member on the Apollo mission. It was with Ann Reinking and others in 1991 that Debra co-founded the Broadway Theatre Project. The success of BTP inspired her to author, *Musical Theatre Training: The Broadway Theatre Project Handbook*, published in 2009 by University Press of Florida.

Miriam R. Wills is an artist with more than twenty-five years of experience. Miriam specializes in abstract, acrylic, and oil painting. She has had solo shows in New York, New Jersey, Hilton-head South Carolina, and in Singapore, and has also exhibited in group shows at galleries and museums around New York City and in many other states. Miriam has received awards from the Knickerbocker Club, the Staten Island Museum, Manhattan Arts International, American Society of Contemporary Artists, and The Pen & Brush Club. Her work has also been reproduced in several reviews, the most comprehensive being the *Gallery & Studio* in October 2002. Miriam attributes her accomplishments to dedication, creativity, and drive, qualities she exercises in all of her pursuits. Miriam obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in art from Hunter College. She also completed additional studies at Columbia University, Pratt Graphic Center, New School University, and New York University. After receiving her graduate degree, she taught art for a number of years while painting in the afternoon and evenings. Miriam went on to renovate an old building in Hoboken, New Jersey, which has since been her permanent art studio. She is a proud member of several professional organizations including the American Society of Contemporary Artists Inc., the National Penn Women Artists, the National Association of Women Artists, and Women in the Arts.

Wilma Collins Jackson is a motivational speaker, author, and the president of W.J. Enterprise, a company through which she publishes books geared toward both children and young adults. Wilma was born in Memphis, Tennessee. Her late mother, Mary, and father, Spencer, had twelve children. Even as a young girl, Wilma desired something more than the Southern lifestyle. She left home and lived in Chicago, Illinois with a sister for a short period before moving back home to Memphis, out of love and concern for her elderly mother. During this time, Wilma developed her passion for both oil painting and writing. Much of her work is inspired from real life events. In 2011, Wilma published, *Creative Imagination that Works While Talkin to Your Teenager*, a book that examines how the values and practices of parents directly impact the learning and emotional development of children. Wilma is also the host of the television show, *Every Thing's Happening in Memphis*. A firm believer in the importance of education, she pursued and obtained a degree in journalism from a leading institution in Tennessee. Wilma complements this remarkable profile with an equally admirable array of humanitarian undertakings and through support of the Memphis Police Department and Youth Villages, a private non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping emotionally and behaviorally troubled children and their families live successfully.

Carolyn R. Ericson is the owner of Ericson Books, a Nacogdoches, Texas-based company that provides a wide range of literature on Southern history as well as numerous genealogy titles and resources. Carolyn founded the company in 1980 and has since been responsible for overseeing daily operations, motivating and managing staff, and utilizing historical records to obtain information for clients. In addition to these magnanimous duties, Carolyn edits a genealogical query column, which appears in two East Texas newspapers each week. Prior to Ericson Books, she had a successful career as a museum curator for Stephen F. Austin State University and also served as an assistant purchasing agent for J.W. Greer Company, a role where she significantly developed her communication and marketing skills. Carolyn is highly respected by both colleagues and clients for her dedication and constant professionalism and credits her accomplishments to determination, ambition, and hard work, qualities equally evident in her level of academic attainment. Carolyn pursued and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Texas Tech University, a leading teaching and research institution. Equally attentive to civic duties, she maintains an active profile within the local community and supports various organizations that benefit youth and the arts. In her spare time, Carolyn enjoys reading, travel, being outdoors, and the company of friends and family.

Cassie Phillips is the owner of Cassie Beth Photography, a Bel Air, Maryland-based company that specializes in newborn, child, and family photography. Cassie established the company in 2015 after becoming a mother to her beautiful baby boy, Brody. Prior to this, she taught kindergarten for eight years. When she stopped teaching she knew she still wanted a way to meet people, work with children, and stay connected to the community. Cassie has always had a passion for taking photographs and decided to pursue that passion and continue enhancing her skills. Cassie also took various photography classes online, met with a few local mentors, and self-taught the rest of the way. Cassie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood and elementary education from College Misericordia (now Misericordia University) as well as a master's degree from Walden University. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her family and friends. Cassie and her husband, Kevin, are expecting a baby girl in October 2017.

What To Expect: Cassie Beth Photography provides a full service experience by offering prints, products, and albums. Clients receive a pre-consultation, a comfortable session in her in-home studio or on-location, and a gallery reveal session. Cassie encourages clients to think about how they will want to see, touch, and pass their images on in the future. Website: <https://www.cassiebethphotography.com> Email: cassiebethphotographyd@gmail.com



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Dona L. Kimmons is a writer and genealogist based in Wimberley, Texas. She began writing in 1974 and has published two books. The Williams Family History and The Floyd Family History are a culmination of her genealogical research, which included extensive interviews and the review of hundreds of records in order to trace the roots of these two families. A firm believer in following your dreams, she is hard at work on additional writing projects and plans to spend the next few years publishing new pieces. Dona studied at Southwestern Business College in Houston and has a background in both typing and paralegal studies. A dedicated philanthropist, she donates to Daughters of the American Revolution as well as organizations that support education and Native American children. In her spare time, Dona enjoys spending time with her family and traveling throughout the United States and Canada.

Ilse Buchert Nesbitt is a German artist who specializes in woodblock printing. Ilse was born in Frankfurt, Germany and grew up in Japan from 1936-1947. She returned to Germany at the age of fifteen and after finishing high school in Frankfurt, studied fine art at the academies of Hamburg and Berlin, where she focused on lettering and typography. There, she completed her first woodcut prints. After moving to the US in 1960, Ilse began teaching typography and book design at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. In 1965, along with her late husband, calligrapher, and type historian, Alexander Nesbitt, she founded The Third and Elm Press. From the beginning, using only hand set type, the press printed and published limited edition books, note paper, and Christmas cards on an 1897 Golding platen press and original woodcuts on the 1830 Acorn hand press that inspired the press logo. The prints have encompassed subtly colored views of flowers and plants and crisp, monochromatic land, sea, and city scapes. Ilse's work is housed in Germany in the libraries of Hamburg, Leipzig, and in the Klingspor Museum in Offenbach as well as in the libraries of New York, Chicago, Providence, and in numerous private collections around the world. Ilse is well known and widely admired for her dedication and creativity. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, reading, travel, and the company of friends and family.



Chae Sun Yi is a renowned artisan with the Korean Ginseng Crafts Association. A former student of the Ginseng Craft Academy, she began making ginseng crafts in New Jersey in 1995, three years after she began researching Korean ginseng cultivation. Mrs. Yi's sculptures are kept inside glass containers filled with 45% proof soju. They are handmade and are often based around famous figures, Korean culture, and/or flowers. Over the past years, Mrs. Yi has been a featured artist in a plethora of galleries and exhibitions, including the *Ansung Grapes Festival*, the *Ginseng Craft Exhibition*, the *Cheonan Civic Center Exhibition*, and the *Daejeon Exhibition*. Currently, her works are displayed at the Cheongha Korean Ginseng Center. Mrs. Yi has been the recipient of several prestigious awards including the 2015 *Artisan Award*, 2010 *Korea Multicultural Arts Grand Prize*, and the 2008 *Unification Culture Award*. Well respected for her talent and dedication, Mrs. Yi attributes her success to creativity, perseverance, and to the people who have supported her throughout her career, pushing her to follow her dream of artistry. Mrs. Yi maintains affiliation with the Korean Artisan Art Association, where she has served as director and judge and the Korean Unification Culture Festival. In her spare time, she enjoys the company of her husband, Yu Gyo Sang, youngest son, Yu Chun Yeung, daughter, Yu He Jin, and eldest son Richard Trinh aka Yi Chang Ho. Website: www.krqca.com Email: ygsyoo@gmail.com



Large sculptures are sold in the workplace at 301Ho 225, Gwangdeok 3-ro, Danwon-gu, Ansan-si, Gyeonggi-do, Rep. of Korea, 1588-4263. Purchases and custom orders must be done at the shop. Custom orders may be negotiated by email through ygsyoo@gmail.com. Smaller, mass-production models are sold by Gin Wells at Cheongha Korean Ginseng Co., Ltd. (Seoul) at (182-1 Baum-dong, Cheongha Building) 280 Jaha-moon-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea. Currently, works are displayed at Cheongha Korean Ginseng Center.



COMMUNITY

LEADERS



Adrian Guglielmo is the founder of Support Task Force, a strategic business development firm that advises small businesses, corporations, foundations, and non-profits on their business challenges, community relations, and philanthropic endeavors. Adrian has over twenty-five years of experience developing marketing strategies for corporations to raise national sales, develop target markets through community development, and raise money for diversity initiatives through corporate alliance. Some of her clients include: Avis Budget Group, Easterseals, IBM, Pepsi, New York City's Mayors Office, Aetna, Johnson & Johnson, Verizon, HBO and JP Morgan Chase. She also spearheads fundraising and new business development opportunities for startups, midsize companies, foundations, and large national events, which includes the New York City Marathon, New York Veterans Day Parade, and White House events. Adrian is passionate about working on diversity initiatives on both the corporate and nonprofit level. In addition to her role with the Support Task Force, Adrian is a market consultant for the United States Veteran Chamber of Commerce. Her primary focus is to serve the interest of Veterans, Veteran-owned businesses, and the United States economy by advocating Veteran business development, economic development, and job creation. Adrian truly enjoys working one on one with veterans and helping them get the training on running a business and jobs needed to live successful lives. One of her proudest moments was the first time she saw a disabled veteran cross the finish line of the New York City Marathon after working tirelessly for years to get veterans and individuals with disabilities into the competition. Throughout her career, Adrian has been the recipient of several prestigious honors including recognition as *Wells Fargo's Marketing Woman of the Year*, *Wall Street Entrepreneur of the Year*, and *WBENC's prestigious Woman of the Year and Business of the Year* award. Well known and highly respected by both colleagues and the community, Adrian attributes her success to her passion helping veterans, minority businesses, and people with disabilities. Adrian's marketing methods have been the subject of several books and featured in popular magazines. Outside of her professional schedule and altruistic work, she enjoys travel, reading, the outdoors, and being in the company of her five children, family, and her husband Brian Foley, a Marine Corps veteran. Website: www.supporttaskforce.com Email: Adrian@supporttaskforce.com



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Leslie Melvin is the president and program director of Helping Our Heroes, a nonprofit, Michigan-based organization that provides support for American veterans through cooperative efforts with local medical professionals, employment specialists, and religious institutions. Since founding Helping Our Heroes in 2009, Leslie has directed all of its operations and is responsible for administering all of its partnership and assistance programs. In addition to working directly with service providers to establish and expand the range and scope of services offered, she is also personally involved in the rehabilitation and assimilation of the men and women who so proudly served the United States of America military. Leslie is especially focused on spreading awareness for the unmet needs of veterans and is committed to supporting other organizations, in addition to her own. When she is not engaged in altruistic endeavors, she enjoys spending time with her family, working on her farm, taking care of her llama, and exploring the nearby mountain regions. Website: www.helpingourheroesmichigan.org E-mail: leslie@helpingourheroesmichigan.org

Dr. Mary J. Williams is a senior pastor and the president of Christian Missionary Faith Church of Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Williams has more than two decades of experience that encompasses religious education, leadership, and outreach. In her present capacity, she is depended on to oversee the day to day activities of the Church, conduct weekly sermons, identify key partnerships, and provide direction and support to congregation staff. In addition to these magnanimous responsibilities, Dr. Williams oversees a Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies Degree Program and is the president of Wake County Umbrella of Hope, a non-profit organization that provides food, clothing, and funds to families in need. Her commitment to altruistic endeavors is further expressed through her support of Share Our Shoes and a number of charities that benefit the impoverished. Highly regarded by the community for her dedication and selflessness, Dr. Williams attributes her success to commitment, a passion for helping people, and a firm educational foundation. She pursued and obtained a bachelor's degree in pastoral studies, a master's degree in theology, and a doctoral degree in divinity from Brentwick University. In her spare time, Dr. Williams enjoys reading, playing piano, singing, and the company of friends and family.

Patricia P. Turnberg is the former executive director of Immanuel Community Services, a nonprofit organization that was formed under the auspices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in order to provide for those in need. Patricia accepted her appointment in 2010, bringing a lifetime of experience in nonprofit administration, organizational development, and community services. Under her astute guidance, ICS has since provided a nurturing and spiritual environment in which participants have access to basic necessities such as food, shelter, showers and clean clothes, and the support and friendship of fellow worshippers. Patricia is well known for her dedication, achievements, and hard work and is highly regarded by both colleagues and the congregation. She credits her success to her faith, the support of a caring and helpful staff, and her desire to help people in need. She also advocates for the benefit of her formal education, which culminated in the attainment of a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Washington. Now retired, Patricia enjoys hiking, playing with her dog, skiing, singing, and spending time with family. Website: www.immanuelseattle.org



Dr. Amity Pierce Buxton is the founder of Straight Spouse Network, an international organization that provides personal and confidential support and information to heterosexual men and women, formerly or currently partnered with gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender mates. Dr. Buxton served as SSN's director and then executive director from 1991 until 2007, as the organization developed its capacity to provide support and information to empower straight spouses of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and trans/non-trans couples. Dr. Buxton current serves as a non-voting member of SSN's board of directors. She is the author of *The Other Side of the Closet: The Coming-Out Crisis for Straight Spouses and Families* and continues to conduct research and publish book chapters and articles on the impact of a partner's coming out on his or her straight spouse and children and also on the diverse aspects of mixed-orientation and trans/non-trans marriages and their intersection with contextual factors, such as race, ethnicity, culture of origin, and socio-economic status. Dr. Buxton is a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of GLBT Family Studies* and the *Journal of Bisexuality* and also serves on the emeritus board of the Family Equality Council and on the board of directors of the Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry. She also does collaborative work, including writing and workshops with both organizations as well as with The Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, American Psychological Association, Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, Human Rights Campaign, and Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Dr. Buxton complements this extraordinary profile with an equally inspiring level of academic attainment. She pursued and obtained a PhD in English, education, and communications from the prestigious Columbia University. A longtime resident of Oakland California, Dr. Buxton maintains an active profile within the community and supports the Catholic Church as well as various non-profit organizations. In her spare time, she enjoys poetry, sketching, walking, dance, travel, reading, and the company of friends and family.

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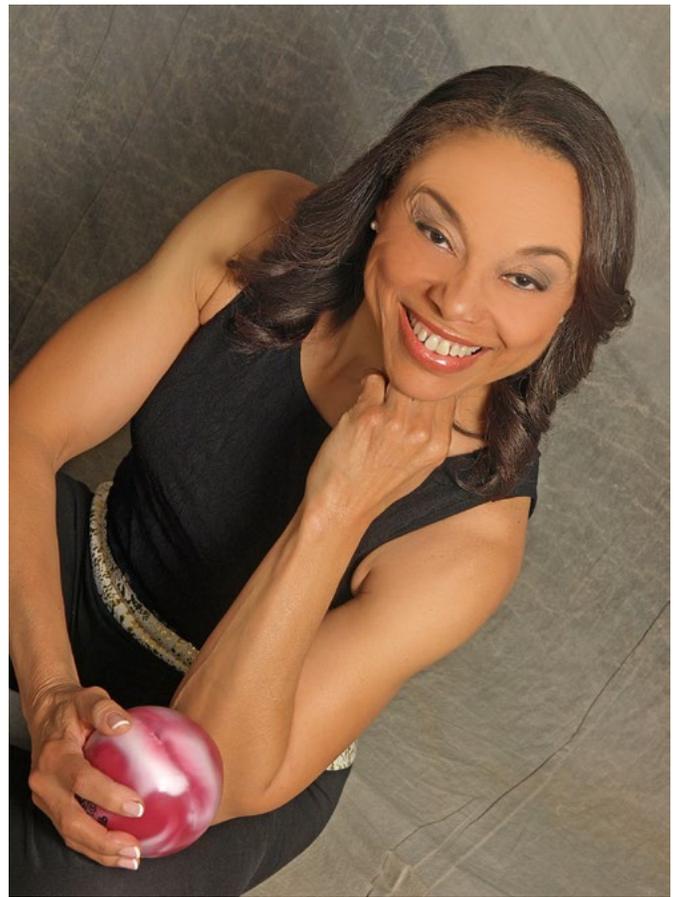
Dr. Sharon Stone is a decorated U.S. Navy veteran, humanitarian, entrepreneur, educator, author, and theological thought Leader. She is founder and CEO of MVP! Foundation, a NJ nonprofit 501(c)3 organization for humanitarian services (www.mvplive.org). Life and lifestyle focused, MVP was formed to help change and revitalize communities by helping to meet the humanitarian needs of its citizens. With an emphasis on disadvantaged youth, family, and community, Dr. Stone oversees a 100% volunteer staff distributing more than 6,000 lbs of free foods and groceries monthly, an upscale annual prom fair with on-site university and college education opportunities, clothing for Welfare-to-Work programs, Be-Kind Campaign of random acts of kindness, and toys for children during holidays. An advocate for influential leadership, Dr. Stone created a leadership and personal development school training future leaders covering areas of government, law, citizenship, business, economics, and community using Biblical-based principles. Dr. Stone actively participates in the local efforts to collaborate with the African American church and community to educate on the need for unity. As an aspired author and inspirational speaker on many platforms, Dr. Stone has published her freshman writing of *In Search of What Lies Beneath*, a nationally released book of poetry and short stories written to motivate girls and women to self-evaluate beyond misfortunes see self-worth and respect the worth of others. *Freedom Looks Like Me* and *The Grey Roots of My Black Hair* are current writing projects of purpose, power, and influence. Dr. Stone is a U.S. Navy veteran of naval aviation, intelligence, and administration fields, contributing to more than 25 civilian years in senior business analyst and managerial roles for major information technology and business firms. An active member of Marine Corp League, Vineland, NJ, Dr. Stone volunteers in various community-related events. Often interviewed by local media on solving hunger in urban communities, receiving the *Philabundance Harvester of Hope Award*, mayoral, and other government and community recognition are among the many achievements of Dr. Stone. An advocate for youth, Dr. Stone has served as board member/advisor to other organizations and continues to serve as mentor, and counselor in various aspects of business and career development for local ministries, students, youth, and entrepreneurs. Dr. D remains active in learning, adding Humanitarian Response to Crisis and Disaster, a Harvard-generated course to her list of ongoing course studies. With a wealth of business knowledge and experience, Dr. Stone is well respected in the community as well as corporate and youth environments. Dr. Stone attributes any form of success to her belief that within every crisis is opportunity and every problem is a cry for a solution. While her grandmother instilled in her the value that you can do anything you can make up your mind to do, it was her brother who inspired her to join the Navy. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, the beach, family, friends, theater, and reading. Website: www.mvplive.org



Elizabeth Jenkins is the director of quality and compliance for Pathway Caring for Children, a private, non-profit, social service agency based in Canton, Ohio that provides foster care and adoption for children of all ages as well as mental health services, respite care, and post-adoption support for families. Elizabeth accepted her appointment in 2005, bringing more than twenty-six years of experience in performance improvement, coaching, staff training, and administration. In her present role, she is responsible for executing accreditation audits, writing policy and procedural standards for safety, quality control, HIPAA, performance, and supporting the organization's primary mission through strategic planning. Elizabeth is well known for her astute leadership and highly regarded by both colleagues and program participants. Her past honors include the *Phoenix Award* for CCCS of Stark County, Ohio from the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, the *Outstanding Quality Award for Pathway Caring for Children* from the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, a *VIP Woman of the Year Award* from the National Association of Professional Women, a *Professional of the Year Award* from *Presidential Who's Who*, and a *Pinnacle Professional of the Year Award* from *Continental Who's Who*. Elizabeth credits her success to dedication, motivation, and a firm educational foundation, which includes a master's degree in education, specializing in training performance management, from Capella University. Equally committed to altruistic endeavors on a personal level, she supports the community through volunteerism and charitable donations. When she is not engaged with professional obligations, Elizabeth enjoys gardening, reading, attending auctions, listening to music, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Kathy L. Fishburn is executive director of the Greater Southwest Music Festival, a non-profit organization that provides music competitions for bands, orchestras, and choirs. Kathy, who has been in her current capacity since 2001, is responsible for managing all aspects of the Organization's yearly festival which includes scheduling music groups and soloists, leading fundraising initiatives, handling contract negotiations, and managing staff. In addition to these magnanimous duties, Kathy is the orchestra director at Tascosa High School. She has taught orchestra in Texas for many years and is a former president of the American String Teachers Association Texas Unit, Texas Orchestra Directors Association, Texas Music Educators Association, and Texas Music Adjudicators Association. As a member of TMAA, Kathy judged orchestra contests throughout Texas and its surrounding states. Kathy has served as a conductor for several TMEA All-Region Orchestras on the junior high and high school levels, as well as All-State Orchestras. She has published arrangements and compositions for string orchestra and received a number of prestigious honors including *Orchestra Director of the Year* from the TODA and a *Composer Award* from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Kathy credits her success to passion, ambition, and hard work, qualities equally evident in her level of academic attainment. She obtained a bachelor's degree from Sherwood School of Music and a master's degree in music education from West Texas State University. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys being with her two grandchildren, gardening, sewing, and travel.

Reverend Brenda L. Ferren-Griffith has had a long and distinguished career as a fitness instructor and personal trainer. In 2016 she obtained certification as a Cancer Exercise Specialist. That same year she also received certification as a wellness/ministry specialist from Faithfully Fit, which she is currently writing curriculum for praise dance national certification. In 2017, she was named a Hometown Hero of Vineland New Jersey. She is currently a regional trainer and proctor for Christian Aerobic Resource Faithfully Fit. Reverend Ferren-Griffith is also a personal trainer and group fitness instructor for Anytime Fitness and Absolute Health and Fitness for Vineland New Jersey. Since obtaining a Fitness Facility Director Certificate in 1968, she has maintained an active profile within the fitness industry and was instrumental in the development of physical education and bodybuilding programs within both public and private sector organizations. In 2011, she retired from the YMCA of Vineland, New Jersey. While with the YMCA, Reverend Ferren-Griffith instructed a wide variety of exercise classes such as Zumba, kickboxing, aerobics, and Pilates, and assisted guests on the proper use of equipment for strength training, overall conditioning, and injury prevention. Prior to this, she held a number of roles including working in 2010 with Raving Beauty Boutique and Salon of Vineland, New Jersey as the director of wellness programs. Reverend Ferren-Griffith has continued to indulge her passion for working with and helping people, assuming new roles within the community as a full-time minister, mentor, hospice volunteer, home health aide, security officer, and creative arts therapist. She also retired as a police reserve. For the past seven years, the Reverend has ministered to men and women in prison and earlier this year, she accepted positions as director of the Fruit of our Labor with Women of The Word Ministry. In both 2014 and 2015, she received the Mayor Certificate of Honor & Recognition for her dedication and outstanding volunteer work with the homeless and youth in the community. In 2015, Rev. Ferren-Griffith was presented with the Vessel of Honor Award, which recognizes her strength, struggles, victories, and courage. That same year, she received an award for her faithful teaching fitness to the young girls of (PAL) Police Association Local. She also founded and presently directs Hope Fitness Ministries Inc., a faith-based organization that provides supportive services at the local and international level. The Reverend's commitment to altruism is inspired



by one of her favorite biblical verses; The Joy of the Lord is my Strength (Nehemiah 8:10) and is further illustrated by her advocacy and support of charitable programs such as the Boys and Girls Club of America and The United Way. In 2016 she was elected to assist with pastoral/spiritual care for Inspiration Medical Center of Vineland. This year she was also appointed mentor at Petway Elementary School. She has continued to help many different churches. Her contributions to society have frequently been acknowledged in the form of honors such as Teacher of the Year from Woodbury Community Light House in 1991, a Volunteer Award for Excellence from Underwood Memorial Hospital in 1999, a Virtuous Woman Award from Christian Quarterly in 2000, the New Jersey Governor's Volunteer Award in 2000, a Best of the Best Aerobics Instructor Award from the Daily Journal in 2009 and 2011, One of The Best Aerobic Instructors from the Daily Journal in 1999, 2002, 2003, and 2009, the 2013 Women of the Word Ministry Award, and the 2013 Faith In Service Award from Faithfully Fit, where she currently serves as the regional trainer for fitness instructors, personal training, and praise dance. They also honored her with a Presenter of the Year Award in 2016. In addition, Reverend Ferren-Griffith was recognized for ten years of faithful service to the Elk Township School District, honored with an award for her ten years of service to Miss Black Awareness contestants, and published by The Top 100 Magazine for seven consecutive years, from 2011 through 2017. Her familiarity and love of the arts has led to appearances in prestigious events such as the Outstanding Gospel Music Extravaganza and to a role as lead dancer in the 2004 production of Jesus Christ Super Star. Over the course of her career, Reverend-Griffith has instructed

more than 19,110 fitness classes and ministered over 4,250 "in-worship" dances and is still moving forward. She also is certified in cycling instruction from the American Sports & Fitness Association. Revered Ferren-Griffith was recently featured in a Daily Journal article and in 2015 she released her first DVD, "Don't Count Me Out and website: www.brendaferrenministries.com, both of which highlight her past and present activities. When she is not engaged in philanthropic pursuits, the Reverend enjoys the company of friends and family. On March 11th 2017, she married Tedford Griffith and is blessed with three daughters, Tammy, Belinda, and Sajata, her five granddaughters, one grandson, and her great-granddaughter. Email: hopefitnessministries@gmail.com



We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.
-Cesar Chavez

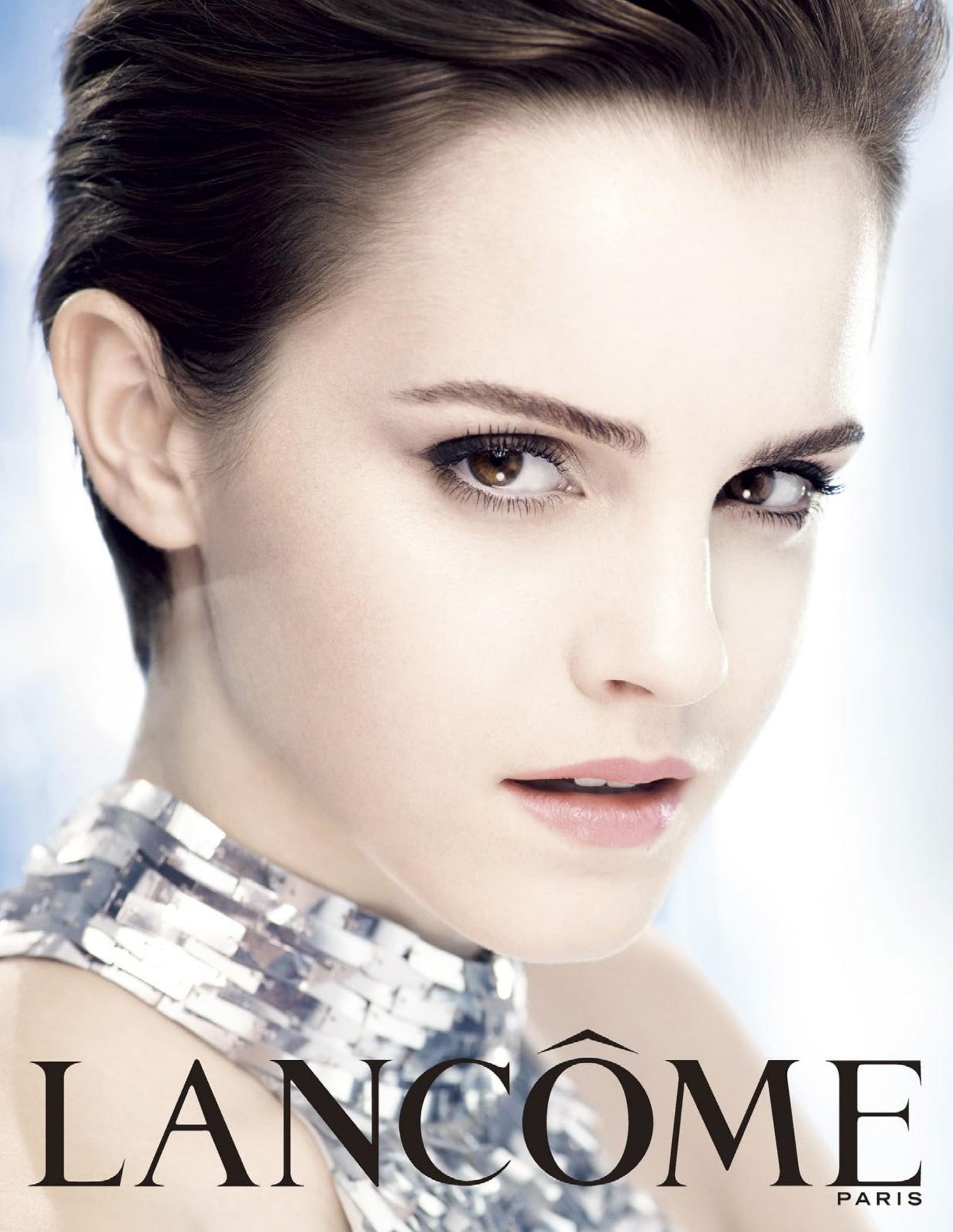
Dianne Hawkins is the president, CEO, and executive director of the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce. Since 1919, the Chamber has existed to meet the needs of local businesses and has been an integral part of economic growth in the community. Today, the Chamber is 725+ members strong, making it the third largest Chamber on Vancouver Island and one of the ten largest in BC. Dianne is a successful business woman, with more than twenty-five years of experience working in both the public and private sectors. With the exception of a ten year period when she lived in Victoria, Dianne has worked in the Comox Valley for her entire career. She accepted her appointment in 2004 and under her exemplary direction, Chamber membership increased almost 50 percent, growing from under 500 to more than 725. These results earned the organization the 2010 *BC Chamber of the Year Award*. In her executive role, Dianne oversees all day to day activities, builds relationships with leaders and key government officials, creates and executes strategic plans, and provides direction and support to volunteers and staff. She is highly respected for her dedication and astute leadership and credits her success to hard work, passion for serving the community, and effective communication and interpersonal skills. Despite a naturally altruistic position, Dianne further impacts society through her involvement in humanitarian work in India and the Dominican Republic.



Dianna L. Ordway is the owner and chief executive officer of Operation Pay it Forward Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower teens who have been the victims of abuse by giving them the skills and resources necessary to grow into productive citizens. Dianna also owns Empowerment and Hope for the Future Teen Ranch, which was established to help abused teens by housing them in a virtually all green long term residential program. As owner and CEO, Dianna is responsible for overseeing all operations, leading fundraising efforts, providing direction to volunteers and staff, creating programs and events, and developing and maintaining strategic partnerships. Throughout her career, she has received a number of prestigious honors including a *Presidential Award* for completing more than 500 hours of community service and an *Employee of the Month Award* for her work as community outreach bureau director in 2005. Dianna was also honored by the American Heart Association with a *Top Walker Award* and a prize for raising over one thousand dollars in donations. She credits her success to integrity, hard work, effective interpersonal and communication skills, and ability to overcome many of life's adversities. Dianna is a proud member of several professional organizations including the National Association of Professional Women, the National Coalition of Advocacy Groups Ending Child Sexual Abuse & Sexual Abuses, and the Delaware Valley Art Therapy Association. In her spare time, she enjoys swimming, travel, listening to music, and the company of her four daughters.

Helene M. Reed is the surrogate of Gloucester County, New Jersey. Helene was elected to this position after serving on the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders for nine years. As a freeholder, Helene acted as a liaison for the Department of Health & Public Safety. Helene also served on the Monroe Township Council from 1991-1998 and for several of those years was the Council president. In addition, she was commissioner to the Tri-County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF), chairperson of the Monroe Township Welfare Board, and a member of the Monroe Township Planning Board, the Township Zoning Board, and Monroe Township Administrative Committee. Helene was also director of admissions at Kennedy Hospital and worked for several years for Kaiser Broadcasting and for a Philadelphia law firm. Currently, Helene oversees the administration of the many services offered by the Surrogate's Court. She also serves on the Supreme Court Judiciary-Surrogates Liaison Committee and the CIC Advisory Committee. Along with four county surrogates in the state and five Superior Court judges, Helene works to improve practices and procedures in the areas of estate, guardianship, and adoption matters. Helene is past president of the New Jersey Association of Counties and now serves on their foundation board. In addition, she is chair of the Rowan University Board of Trustees. Throughout her career, Helene has received a number of prestigious honors which include the Gloucester County *Women of Achievement Award*. She attributes her success to integrity, passion, and hard work. In addition to this impressive résumé, Helene maintains an active philanthropic profile within the community and donates generously to several non-profit organizations. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, reading, travel and the company of her children and grandchildren.





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