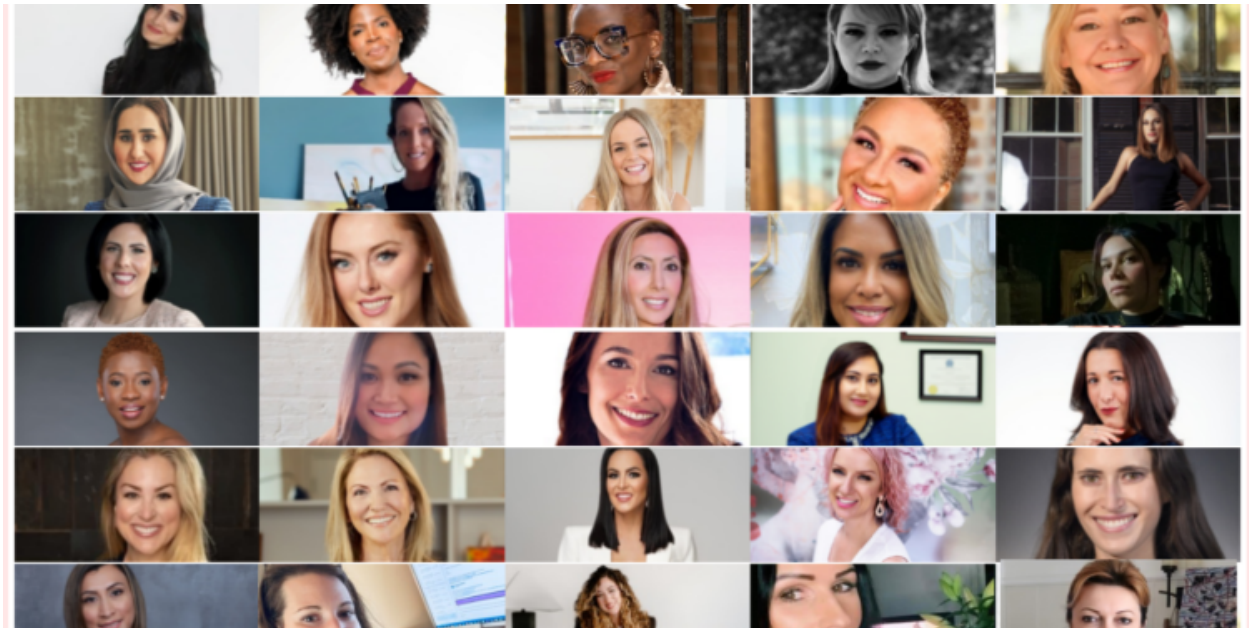


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Top 30 Women Leaders To Look Out For In 2023



The 21st century has seen the rise of many talented and inspiring women who have become pioneers in their respective fields. Women across the world have made significant advances in their professional careers, paving the way for a more equitable and diverse future. The year 2023 is set to be an exciting one for female professionals as more and more women strive for success. From entrepreneurs to leaders in the corporate sector, these women have inspired and empowered other women to reach for the stars. Here are 30 of the most inspiring and innovative women to look out for in 2023.

Lana Kurayeva



[Lana Kurayeva](#) is one of the only Board Certified Colorists in the state of New York, thriving as a salon owner in Manhattan. Hailing from humble beginnings, she discovered her passion for creativity at a young age. She extended her true passion for art through experimenting with various colours and shades and soon delved into the hair, fashion and cosmetology industry. Her arrival in the States with her parents became a turning point when she expanded her knowledge in the field through various courses and classes. After gaining significant experience, Lana decided to open up her salon- ‘Shear Bliss’ and has been running it for the past 18 years with immense success. What sets Lana apart is not only her passion but also her keen eye for trends and unwavering attention to detail. While she blooms in the industry, today she has gained a cult on Tiktok and [Instagram](#) and continues to educate others in cosmetology.

Dr. Nneamaka „Amaka“ Nwubah

[Dr. Nneamaka Nwubah](#), who goes by [Dr. Amaka](#) is a fully trained plastic surgeon in Nashville, Tennessee. In addition to rigorous plastic surgery training, she also completed an aesthetic fellowship and trained with renowned leaders and “giants” in aesthetic surgery at the Aesthetic Center for Plastic Surgery. Dr. Amaka is one of only few surgeons in the country to have this additional fellowship training in advanced aesthetic techniques.

Dr. Amaka has lectured and published and presented on plastic surgery topics on over 60 occasions. Dr. Amaka’s contributions to plastic surgery have been recognized by numerous prestigious awards, including the Gaspar Anastasi Research Award, the Plastic Surgery Foundation Grants (in 2015 and 2017), and the National Institutes of Health Research Fellowship.

Dr. Amaka, as a female plastic surgeon, blends a surgeon's skill with a woman's perspective. Her philosophy is to produce high quality results with attention to detail, compassion and safety. She utilizes advanced techniques and combines that with her technical expertise, an artistic eye and compassionate care.

Aisha Saintiche



[Aisha Saintiche](#) is a certified Health Coach and the founder and owner of [MetoMoi Health](#). With over fifteen years of experience in Mental Health, Accessibility and Diversity and Inclusion, Aisha has used her experience as a strategic advisor and health coach to understand the complexity and intersectionality of the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual barriers that keep people from achieving their optimized health and wellness.

Aisha also holds a Masters in Public Policy Administration and Law, as well as a certification in Change Management, Advanced Crisis Intervention and Counselling and Health Coaching. Always seeking opportunities to bring about change within her community, she is the Board Chair for Afiwi Groove School – a performing arts and drumming school that educates, empowers and inspires kids and youth through African Arts and Culture.

Samaneh Payandeh



[Samaneh Payandeh](#) AIA.AWA. is a [Designer and Founder](#) of Multidisciplinary, The Luxury Brand. Her main experience in design focuses on architectural design, residential and educational categories. She holds an architectural design degree from California Polytechnic University. She has been trained for many years under many icons who were stars in architecture, fashion, interior, and space design and has received multiple design awards and recognition in the nation

and over the sea. She explains herself as a designer who seeks the freedom, courage, and science latent in multi-disciplinary design and that taught her to consider all the elements in human life to bring the soul in her work as a poetry and pass joy to her clients.

She thinks Architecture and fashion must often strive to coordinate disparate elements in an environment, integrating them and making them purposeful within the space being developed.

And for that, she is introducing her brand ㄣaㄣHe to the market in Fall 2023. As her introduction to the world of design began with my first-hand experience of creating a multidisciplinary brand ㄣaㄣHe, I aspire to lead a principled life as a designer, even going a step beyond what is required, to give joy to my clients who have entrusted me. Therefore, being a leader in design locally, and in the world, is a huge responsibility that I take seriously.

She says” With ingenuity, productivity, and compassion, I hope to fulfill my purpose of creating architectural designs that will reconcile all levels of society and promote the opportunity to experience the pleasure of an urban life reconnected with nature”

Lee Richter



Award-winning CEO, Marketing Expert, Innovator, and Global Leader, [Lee Richter](#), is recognized for many years as one of San Francisco's Top 100 Women Business Leaders, and Top 100 Fastest Growing Businesses; in 2022, she was named one of the Top 100 Innovators in the San Francisco Bay Area by the San Francisco Business Times.

Expanding on her successful entrepreneurial journey, [Lee](#) utilizes her superpower in public relations to connect the business world with the future of business and marketing. She inspires entrepreneurs and business owners to realize the importance of NFTs and blockchain and empowers them to develop and implement a strategy in their company. Lee teaches leaders globally to incorporate NFTs in their business as a tactic to achieve financial and professional success in the current marketplace. In addition, she is a best-selling co-author of "Blockchain

Life” and is exploring and identifying ways the blockchain is changing how we conduct business in the future.

Laila Faridoon



[Laila](#) advises individuals and corporates worldwide in their transformation journeys with her strong mix of business and technology skills; she has an extensive work experience in corporate, project & digital management. She is the founder & CEO of [Looking Forward Consultancy](#), specializing in personal/business transformation. As a business advisor and a public speaker, she uses her deep expertise in organizational management to help organizations transform and grow based on her own applied strategies and models.

As a career coach, she uses her consulting and spiritual skills to guide individuals in building careers based on her own applied techniques and principles, which she authored in her two books (Build Your Career) and (Looking Forward to the Bright side). She is a big advocate for Women in STEM through her different roles and endeavours. She was chosen in 2019 as an ambassador of a goodwill by the League of Arab Organizations.

She has left an incredible mark of difference in the field of corporate and Project Management in EMEA region, in addition to her contributions in many best seller's books. Ms. Faridoon has received several awards, the latest being the Middle East Woman Leader in Corporate Management Excellence.

Danielle Zirkelbach



[Danielle Zirkelbach](#), a globally renowned, Professional Artist, is quickly becoming one of the most powerful females in her industry. The 2019 Artworks Hall of Fame Inductee is hailed as “one of the most excited artist to come along in decades.” [Danielle](#) has overcome impossibility and is a powerhouse of authentic entrepreneurial success, with her thriving business, The Art of Danielle Zirk LLC.

Proudly, she leads others to a future of knowledge, manifest-mindset’s and possibility. Her creative vision is unique verification of how her practices are proven. She transcends “impossibility” from flesh to canvas with art for “a world needing to remember its power.” Danielle is evolving the life of contemporary art by transforming physical space with images carrying frequency. The worlds first EVER, project is revolutionizing the way we experience art. A documentary diving deep into this journey will release WINTER 2024, by her YouTube production team.

Tess Bell



This globally recognized powerhouse started a [KINDNESS-based movement](#) that she scaled from a Zero to a half a million-dollar business in 4 weeks. [Tess](#), the Swedish-born mother-of-two, has reached the world through her one-of-a-kind Christmas Advent Calendar that swaps chocolate and candy for Acts of Kindness. Being voted best advent calendar by The Today Show while also gaining widespread media attention on national television, online, print and radio.

An oncology nurse by trade, Tess does everything from business strategy, digital marketing and copywriting; to product development and writing a children's book. This powerful woman, also speaking publicly about past struggles with anxiety, said her daughters were her motivation to keep going – “to show them what could be achieved when you are brave.”

So far, she has inspired half a million acts of kindness while empowering the next generation of children to become more self-aware, confident and resilient. She plans to double that by the end of 2023 while also diving into tech with new apps planned, opening opportunities to investors.

Lynn Jenkins



[Lynn Jenkins](#) is the CEO of [Sydoni Skincare and Beauty](#), Inc. An inclusive, cruelty-free beauty brand with makeup and skincare products for all skin types and skin tones. After a decades-long career in the beauty industry, Lynn developed a deep love for building personal relationships and an appreciation for helping people resolve their skincare and makeup concerns. Inspired by her customer's experiences as well as her own personal beauty product challenges, Lynn decided to launch her own brand. The name Sydoni is a "twist" on the names of her two youngest daughters.

As Sydoni Skincare and Beauty is a company founded on diversity and inclusion, Lynn believes in a people-first approach and is passionate about the importance of a daily skincare regimen and creating makeup looks tailored to one's personality and lifestyle.

Extending her endeavors, Lynn recently launched a full skin and beard care line formulated just for men, but she didn't stop there. Lynn will share her expertise in her new retail beauty location set to open in January 2023. Lynn is ready to share all things makeup, and face and body care for both women and men.

Prior to launching Sydoni Skincare and Beauty, Lynn worked in the Aesthetic space supporting the sales and education of Cosmeceuticals to Physicians and Aesthetic professionals in Texas. Lynn is also a contributing beauty writer for a Dallas-based lifestyle publication.

Krystal Cutlip



At a young age, Krystal discovered her love for makeup and hair styling and started experimenting with those skills. Driven by her entrepreneurial passion and quest to share knowledge with other budding artists, she eventually founded [KC Artistry LLC](#) in 2019 and made it to various publications, and magazines, won awards and bagged prominent clientele in no time. Additionally, after being certified in airbrush through Temptu's celebrity makeup artist and educator, Robert Miller, she gained immense love for her unique airbrush techniques and exclusivity around the city.

The KC Artistry provides an on-site, [full-service glam experience](#) for the brides of the DMV. Krystal firmly believes that in order for any business to grow, there needs to be a passionate team behind it – which is why she invests so much time and effort into her team at KC Artistry LLC. When she is not working, she enjoys learning new makeup trends and exploring ways to innovate her teaching methods. With the tremendous growth experienced in 2022 from her huge roster of clientele- Krystal is excited about what the future holds for KC Artistry.

Nina M. Luppino, MPH



As a golfer and a member of the Board of Directors for the Women’s Golf Association of New Jersey, [Nina M. Luppino](#), MPH, learned how the game of golf mimics life. “There are no shortcuts in life or golf; you must practice and be patient, if you wish to succeed. You need to surround yourself with good players, if you aim to play well. The same goes for business – you

must surround yourself with the best and brightest if you seek to change the world in which you live.”

Over the past several years, Nina has demonstrated leadership in women’s golf by innovating and expanding educational programs, especially in support of golf skill development for new golfers. With a natural ability to engage members, Nina has positively impacted women – on and off – the golf course. Nina is the Principal of Azira Coaching, LLC. The meaning of “azira” is a rising star; a trailblazer, motivator and leader. Nina was named in the “Top 30 Inspiring Women to Look Out for in 2021” by The NYC Journal. Nina trains women with actionable strategies that she cultivated from working alongside leading experts.

Ceallaigh Lorenz-Talleyrand



Ceallaigh has devoted her career to creating spaces for wellness of the body, mind, and community. Founder and owner of [Salvation Wellness](#) and [Rx3.me](#), she strives to create businesses that help people and the planet heal. Both wellness companies donate a portion of their profits to local and global initiatives. A highlight of their philanthropic endeavours is her “Social Justice Soap” line which focus attention to an array of impactful nonprofits.

She serves on the Board of Directors for the AFMTE as the Strategic Planning Chair and serves on the NJ Chapter of the AMTA as the Community Service chair. She is the director of the Massage Program at Essex County College in Newark and is a founding member of two non-profits: TEDxJC and Massage Without Borders. As a nationally licensed CEU educator in massage, she leads workshops for offices such as Apprentice, Krux, WeWork and PayPal. She is creating training courses for TMJ Release, which will revolutionize the approaches to treating TMJ in massage, physical therapy, and dentistry offices.

Her current passion project is writing a book called *Body Language: a holistic approach to reimagining bodywork and how to use language to bring clients along for the ride*. In her spare time she enjoys being a mom, a musician, a sculptor, and swing dancing through life with her amazing husband.

Rana Florida



As CEO of the [Creative Class Group](#), [Rana Florida](#) manages global operations serving such clients as Meta (Facebook & Instagram), BMW, Converse, IBM, Cirque du Soleil, Audi, Starwood Hotels and more. As former VP of Marketing for Host Marriott, she brings decades of experience in corporate strategy and marketing. Prior to that, she was VP of Communications for Disney on Ice and Disney Live! She launched, CityLab, for *The Atlantic* working alongside events for The Aspen Ideas Festival and Bloomberg.

A writer on business for Fast Company, Inc.com, the Huffington Post, and the Miami Herald – Rana was a guest on The Today Show, MSNBC and Fox News. She was featured in The New York Times, Vogue Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, CNN and The Globe and Mail . Her

high-profile business interviews have covered notables – from President Bill Clinton, First Lady Michelle Obama, Andre Agassi and more.

Her philanthropic work serves The United Nations, The Olympics Committee, Silver Art Projects, Best Buddies, The National Ballet of Canada, Girls E Mentorship, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Airports Council International and more. Rana holds a BA in communications and an MBA in marketing & management. Her book, Upgrade was a Business Best Seller and The Globe and Mail, Editor's Pick.

Ramona Azcona



[Ramona](#) is an entrepreneur and New York-trained professional hair stylist with 23 years' experience. The majority of her career has been with Stephen Knoll, one of Manhattan's top

salons. [Ramona](#) has had the honor of styling celebrities, socialites, and high-end clients. Her work has been featured in *Town & Country*, *Marie Claire*, and *Japanese Vogue*, as well as on America's Next Top Model and morning shows including Fox 5, The Today Show, and CNN.

She has mentored several highly successful assistants who are now excelling in the industry and served as a business coach for emerging stylists. A lifelong New Yorker, Ramona recently broadened her reach to New Jersey where she operates her own suite in the new Salon by JC. In 2023, Ramona will expand her NJ business to a new location where she can build a team, offer beauty education classes, and continue to provide her signature #monafied experience.

Charlotte LaRue Mazey



[Charlotte LaRue Mazey](#) is an entrepreneur specializing in fashion and design. She has been in the fashion industry styling and organizing runways for ten years and now has been a professional goldsmith(the original term for jeweller) for eight years now.

She makes handcrafted fine jewelry for humans. At [LaRue & Co](#), they are a size and gender-inclusive brand. Unlike big box stores, they strive to make people feel safe and informed while shopping with them. Her goal is to teach humans that jewelry is an investment In your future along with being fun for right now. She wants people to know what's behind the industry. She wants them to know how their pieces are made, and she wants them to have knowledge of the gemstones and materials that they are purchasing. Investors do their research in stock, and humans should do the same with purchasing jewelry, so she makes it her mission to show them how to do so.

The brand was born in New York, raised in San Fransisco and based in Tucson, Arizona. Charlotte LaRue Mazey, Owner / Founder, is a certified Goldsmith who has been practicing her craft since 2014. New York and Arizona Native, studied under Alan Revere at the Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts in San Fransisco, California. Charlotte believes that each piece should be crafted with the highest quality, care, and love for total customer satisfaction. Because of this, she checks each handcrafted piece to make sure it is always at the LARUE standard.

[Bukola Majekodunmi](#)



[Bukola Majekodunmi](#) is the founder and CEO of [SleekTrends](#), an “age and size-inclusive” online boutique that helps women 35 years and older “Show Up” and “Be Seen” for life’s best celebrations. She has her Bachelor’s degree in Accounting & Finance and years later studied for a Master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Bradford, England. After experiencing motherhood, she was inspired to start an online fashion business, allowing her to work but not be away from her daughters.

Bukola is full of passion and drives for her E-commerce business. With over ten years of being in the fashion industry, she draws upon vast experience in manufacturing, design, merchandising, and business development. A mother, wife, and entrepreneur, she uses her determination and resilience to shift the paradigm in the US wedding industry, where mothers are often an afterthought and Mother-of-the-bride-or-groom dresses are photographed on 22-year-old models. She inspires other business owners to be the change they would love to see.

Jonilyn Diaz



[Jonilyn Diaz](#) is Founder and Creative Designer of [JRegacho Designs LLC](#). Filipina-bred, she calls Chicago her home and the home base of her graphic design company, focused on Events and Small Businesses. She is a mother of five, wife, friend, and a true entrepreneur at heart. Serving globally, she interprets and transforms her client's visions through graphic design. With her expertise and business mindset, she has created over 300 designs in a little over a year, bringing people's creativity to life.

Her ingenuity for innovative design has helped event planners and small businesses in their advertising, branding, marketing, and creating recognizable strong identities. Outside of her entrepreneurship, she encourages individual uniqueness, empowering others and embracing positivity. She aims to continue revolutionizing in the world of design and thrives on the belief

that Graphic Design can impact society, culture, and can be used to make a positive difference in the world.

Nada Mesqui



[Nada Mesqui](#), Embodied Leadership Coach and founder of [Raindrop Movement](#). Nada's Raindrop Movement™ is a combination of mindset coaching, integrative somatic therapy and free movement, all packaged together in a seamless 60-minute embodiment practice. Working as an executive leadership coach for over a decade, she has witnessed hundreds of successful female leaders struggle with self-belief and self-confidence even when their track record tells a different story.

As a leader and entrepreneur herself, she experienced those same challenges repeatedly. Until one day, she understood: “for us women to feel confident and trusting in our own power, we need to feel deeply connected to our own Feminine. Yet, to be a functioning leader in today’s world, we need to be grounded, centered and connected to our Masculine.”

This is why Raindrop Movement™ was born; for women to remember their true essence and learn specific tools to embody & integrate both their DRIVE and their FLOW. To help women find that balance of yin (feminine) and yang (masculine) because that balance brings a sense of safety in our body and helps us step out of surviving and into thriving. Nada wants all women to feel safe enough to take on more space in their families, communities and organizations. And this safety begins in our bodies.

Ruby Gill



[Ruby Gill](#) is a Registered Homeopath and a highly sought after [Certified Health Coach](#). She practices out of her clinic in Brampton, Ontario but has helped thousands of patients achieve optimum physical and mental health all over the world through her virtual practice.

In the 10 years of her practice, Gill has received accolades in the holistic health industry for successfully treating many gynecological, skin, Digestive and mental health related diseases using Homeopathy and Health Coaching. Through Homeopathy she's changing and impacting lives in a positive way every day.

Gill was also one of the Board of Directors for OHMA from 2014- 2020. Her work has helped patients transform their lives dramatically by becoming mentally and physically healthy. She doesn't believe in just prescribing diet and exercise but also changing the whole mindset towards health. Her mantra is to make achieving optimum health simple, fun and easy.

Rita Trotter



[Rita](#) is a health and fitness expert who delivers life-changing results for women around the world in their body, weight, health, energy and life balance. As a health strategist, personal trainer, nutrition advisor, behaviour and habit change specialist, mindset coach, keynote speaker and international selling author, she works with clients to create their ideal bodies and maintain them permanently.

She is the founder of [The Health and Fitness Coach](#), a company designed by women for women. She challenges audiences and clients to leverage their focus and pay attention to what matters most in life earning her the global award for Most Empowering Women's Health and Fitness Company 2022. Rita earned her Diploma in Physical and Mental Health, specialising in habit

transformation. She has received numerous awards for her work in women's health, using her signature Chan6e™ – 6 Step System for lasting behaviour change.

Her strong background in neuroscientific learning, performance development and health makes her the perfect fit. Organizations and individuals hire Rita for her implementable strategies that help people reach their greatest potential, and achieve extraordinary results in their health and body,

Courtney Grimes



[Courtney's](#) passion for helping others is evident upon meeting her. In her career as a psychotherapist, non-profit director, business owner and public speaker, Courtney is able to

facilitate lasting change among individuals and families by promoting hope throughout all circumstances.

Courtney founded [THE COLLECTIVE](#); a mental health treatment center focused on healing depression and anxiety at the core through the power of Social Health. Its one-of-a-kind programming focuses on eliminating mental health issues and promotes healthy relationships. THE COLLECTIVE is also an exclusive partner of the NFL Hall of Fame, providing counselling and support to retired NFL athletes and their families.

Previously, she maintained regular radio spots as a Sports Psychotherapist commentator for the Tennessee Titans, and has been featured in numerous magazines and starred in an HGTV television series called “Interiors, Inc.” Courtney also travels around the country speaking to audiences on the importance of mental health.

Karen Groom



As the founder and CEO of [Groom & Associates](#), one of Canada's leading staffing firms, [Karen Groom](#)'s success as an entrepreneur has been widely recognized. Founded in 1996, female-led Groom & Associates has grown from a small business to a national agency. The recruitment firm has served hundreds of Canadian companies in the STEM sectors, and works with local and national partners.

For Karen, being adaptable and forward-thinking is critical for being a successful leader. She attributes the growth of the company to their commitment to understanding evolving workplace trends in order to best serve clients. With over 30 years of experience in human resources and recruiting, Karen will tell you that staying up-to-date with current trends is essential. Karen also

acts as a mentor for other female entrepreneurs. She was a President of Community Shares, and today, is a member of the Capital Campaign the for Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence.

Laura Clark



[Laura Clark](#) is a wife, mother and respected CEO in the pageant and entertainment industry. As the owner of [Liv & Rock Productions](#), Laura manages the Miss Earth USA organization, the official national preliminary pageant leading to MISS EARTH based in the Philippines. Laura has been recognized as Best Director by Pageant Planet, Art & Beauty Magazine and Prestige Pageantry Awards. After dedicating 15 years as a performer and choreographer in collegiate and professional sports, Laura earned the title of Ms. United States 2011, which launched her career in the pageant industry. Under Laura's leadership, USA ranked 2nd Runner Up Miss World and winner of Miss Earth 2020. Laura holds a Bachelor of Arts from William Jewell College in

public communication with a minor in political science and recently enjoyed three years positioned as a diplomat to the United Nations in Switzerland. Laura, her husband and two children are based in Chicago.

Angela Bell



[Angela Bell](#) is the founder of The Mom Magic Anthology Series and the Mom Magic Movement! She is also the founder and CEO at [The Inspired & Profitable Mompreneur Business](#), Podcast, Magazine & TV Show. Angela is on a mission to empower moms around the world to stand in their power, embrace their dreams, and create their own business! Angela is a multi-passionate entrepreneur, business coach for moms, and mom of twins.

She is a 2X International Best-Selling Author, has built multiple 6 & 7 figure business, and helped hundreds of women launch and grow their own Inspired & Profitable online businesses. Angela is committed to helping other moms live their very best lives on their own terms and creating more wealthy moms. Angela helps moms around the world create time and financial freedom, helping them build their own inspired & profitable business. Her mission is to empower moms to live their best life, and in the process, create a better future.

As a Mompreneur coach, Angela applies her diverse background and experience in business and personal development to guide her clients towards self-confidence and profitable entrepreneurial ventures. She founded The Inspired & Profitable Mompreneur to create a

community where moms can learn and thrive in business, surrounded by fellow moms who understand their journey and challenges.

Morgan Spindler



[Morgan Spindler](#) helps brands create business changes needed to grow and retain customers. Morgan is currently the Customer Lifecycle Marketing Manager at the lifestyle brand Terez. Her comprehensive experience in retention, growth, and analytical marketing at Ralph Lauren, The Greenwich Retail Group, and currently at Terez have all fueled her passion for Marketing.

She has a proven track record of driving cost-efficient acquisition, improving retention, and increasing customer lifetime value while tailoring messaging to each customer group across marketing touchpoints. In Morgan's free time, she bakes delicious treats. Morgan founded

Morganic Bakeshop in 2020. Baking with her grandmother, Nana, at the young age of 3 instilled the love of baking and what would become the seed of Morganic Bakeshop. While she always loved Nana's treats, she knew the recipes would need to be altered to meet a healthy lifestyle.

Morganic Bakeshop offers nutritious, unprocessed snacks in five flavors. Using biodegradable packaging, the brand benefits people's health and saves the environment. Morganic Bakeshop can be found online at www.morganicbakeshop.com

Melanie Ramirez



[Melanie Ramirez](#), CMO of WBE Network and [Valor Coutures](#). Mentors and helps women create success from any platform of influence. Prime mover of The Vision Board Workshop & Goal Setting Extensive is where strategic goal setting and God-given vision are initiated into the new

year. Her tangible thought leadership makes an impact through her pray-teaching, master class “Get Your Foot in The Door,” and her testimony. Her mission is to launch this generation out of the mediocre and set quality of life in motion. She has gained a high capacity to lead from training received from Pastors Don and Susan Nordin of CT Church Houston. Certified in Second Mile Leadership and SOZO, she continues to invest in herself and shares her knowledge in innovative ways. Each day she is walking out her purpose, bringing God Glory as he directs her steps.

Cali Anne Mills



[Cali Anne Mills](#), resides in Long Island, New York, but grew up in the South, she is from Great Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina and the East Coast of South Florida. She is a proud first-generation college graduate, hailing from humble beginnings, she attended Western

Carolina University and graduated with honors, obtaining a B.S.B.A. degree in Accounting and Finance in May 2015. Since then, she has diligently worked on her career and expects to pass the CPA exam in late 2023, as she fulfills her aspirations of becoming a Certified Public Accountant. For her, relocating was pivotal to her career, as the move to NYC allowed her to pursue her passion for helping others in the Not for Profit Industry, and during this time she gained valuable experience through networking and building crucial business relationships within the Greater NYC area.

She is currently a senior assurance associate at CohnReznick in NYC with over six years of experience in this niche industry. Since her fresh beginnings in New York, she has leveraged her career and successfully established herself as a business-woman and entrepreneur. Today, she continues building her career, prospering her small [Boutique business](#) that began in 2016, but she is also growing her real estate footprint by purchasing her first home in September 2022, she has her own dog-walking and boarding business through the Rover app that began in November 2022, has been an ambassador for athletic wear for +5 years, and continues inspiring people through her journey.

Stella Sotereanos



[Stella](#) owner and creator of Above All Social helps businesses and entrepreneurs reach their full potential on their socials, offering social media services which involves strategic marketing.

Getting to help owners all around the world within branding, [Stella](#) owns a social media agency named Above All Social. Stella is an entrepreneur that applies influencer marketing as well as social media marketing to help business owners take advantage of the opportunity to rise higher and “above all” on their social accounts. She uses her expertise in branding, tech, and social media marketing to help bring clients into a place where they feel above, and are getting results.

Sofia Alvarez



[Prophetess Sophia Alvarez](#) is an inspirational and innovative entrepreneur. Her approach to helping young people reach their fullest potential centers around a three-pronged model: provide educational resources, provide mentorship, and create opportunities for young people to develop meaningful connections with others. Through her initiatives, Prophetess Sophia has been able to break down barriers that were preventing youth from achieving success. She has created educational programs that provide life skills such as communication, teamwork, financial literacy, and emotional intelligence. Additionally, she has formed strong partnerships with local businesses and universities to provide mentorship and internship opportunities. By helping young people gain access to the resources they need to succeed, Prophetess Sophia has created a ripple effect that reaches far beyond her immediate circle of influence. She is a

powerful example of what can be achieved when one is committed to making a difference in the lives of those around them.

Bianca Aimee Turner



[Turner](#) is a self-taught artist; she holds a PhD in economics. Her paintings hang in private and corporate international collections, and at Haegeumgang Museum, South Korea. She received the Woman Art Award – MUSA International Art Space (2018 and 2020, Rome and Madrid). In January 2020 she was awarded with the Leonardo da Vinci International Prize – The Universal Artist, in Florence.

In 2021, [Bianca Aimee Turner](#) was part of the curatorial team who organized the exhibition of HRH Archduchess Gabriela von Habsburg, in Romania. In January 2022, Turner became one of

the UNESCO artists of the International Association of Visual Arts. Turner was part of the team who sponsored the exhibition of Countess Sorina von Keyserling, in Romania, 2022. Turner works from her home studio in Los Angeles. Her future art projects include international group exhibitions, curatorial events for the Ukrainian refugees in Europe, and a solo exhibition at a museum in Romania, 2023.

Final Thoughts

The number of powerful women around the world continues to grow, and we're seeing more and more female leaders in places that were previously male-dominated, including politics, business, entertainment, sports, and the arts. As time goes on, we'll continue to see more diversity and gender parity in positions of power