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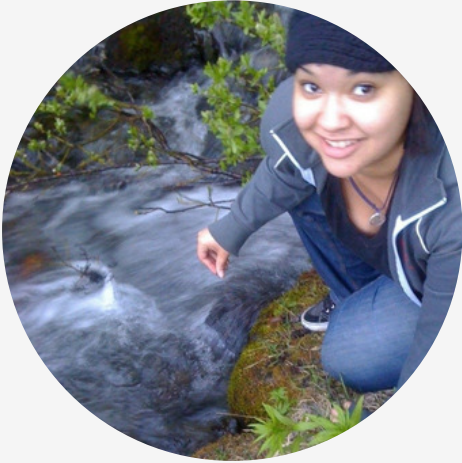
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GRADUATION

*May 22, 2018
Wilda Marston Theatre*



#BuildFromWithin



CHANTEL MANLEY **HATTIGAN COFFEEHOUSE**

Hattigan CoffeeHouse will be an Alice in Wonderland themed coffee shop, combining coffee and whimsical literature. It will be a place for people to get together, relax and enjoy a coffee and pastry. There will a reading nook that invites customers to enjoy donated books and a delicious coffee. Several times a month, events will be hosted. Game nights, open mic nights, read-ins and write-ins.

My personal goal for the coffee shop is to bring community together. I want to build a space that I can hopefully partner with programs that help adults get back into the work force and give them a new skill; as well as potentially work with high school students to encourage them to do something they love.

I want to bring a coffee shop to Anchorage, Mountain View specifically, that is about more than just the coffee. I want to bring fun into it. Give people a place to go to study, read, write, a safe place that isn't just their home. A place that isn't just a coffee shop, but a place for community.

MISSY SIMMS **SWEET CREATIONS** **LOLLIPOP BOUTIQUE**

My business is called Sweet Creations Lollipop Boutique. We create a variety of creative lollipops & balloon arrangements to put a smile on our customer's face. While specializing in our chocolate flower lollipops, our hard candy and chocolate lollipops come in a variety of different colors, shapes, sizes and flavors that are sure to brighten one's day.





NATASHA WEBSTER **MESSY YOGA CLUB**

Natasha is a first-year student at Alaska Pacific University. She is presently working towards an Executive Masters of Business Administration with a focus on Strategic Leadership. Natasha is simultaneously pursuing a graduate certificate in Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship. She has over 10 years combined of professional experience in the fields of social services, art and design, and has most recently ventured in to the startup community in Alaska due to her entrepreneurial aspirations. As she grew up in a military family, Natasha was fortunate enough to live and study in 8 states and 3 countries. She has a passion for visual art and issues surrounding race relations, women's rights and empowerment. Natasha believes that each of us has a purpose, which should be nurtured and protected. Through her art and entrepreneurial endeavors, she seeks to empower individuals to live their best lives.

THERON BIGLOW & ALICIA GEORGE **CALI'S SMOKEY BBQ & SOULFOOD**

Our mission is to offer BBQ and Soulfood catering services as well as event vendor services to the community. The idea of Cali's came to owner Alicia George(Biglow) in 2014, while running the deli at a local Fred Meyers. A year later on Christmas of 2015, Cali's sold its first plate to eager neighbors who offered to pay. The next 2 years were spent selling our brand and forging great community relationships. In 2017 we bought a Moss Grill Double Barrel pit which showcased at the Mountain View Farmers Market. We were offered a lot space to cook on from ACLT and in 2018 will appear at the Arctic Thunder Airshow at JBER.





HEATHER & MARCUS ENGLISH SMASH PARTY

My name is Heather English and I have been in Alaska nearly my entire life. I have a BA in psychology from UAA, a love of people, the desire to serve my community and a dream. I was a primary caregiver for my mother from the age of 14 through 27 and continued as a secondary caregiver until her death in 2015. I know what it is like to spread oneself between work, caring for family members, striving to make a better life for yourself and your loved ones – and doing it all while trying to maintain your sanity and have some fun. I also know how difficult mental health care can be to afford and obtain within our community.

From a personal experience was born the vision of Smash Party – Alaska's Premier rage room facility. At Smash Party, you will be able to come for your own personal party, decked out in safety gear, to smash recycled items until all your stress is left on the floor. Then, you go home happy while we clean up the mess.

I believe that our home should be an oasis and too many of us bring work stress home or we let our emotions build up until we explode or get sick. Smash Party aims to be an alternative stress relief activity that is fun, safe and provides a whole body workout. My dream is to make the community less stressed and happier, one customer at a time.

DEXTER JACKSON DEEP SOUTHERN COOKING

Deep Southern Cooking is a mobile food trailer that serves down home cooking with its roots in the rural south. Our goal is to give you that soul food experience by using fresh meats, vegetables and that deep southern taste.





AMY NICOLAISEN **AJN MAFIA LLC**

AJN Mafia LLC is made up of several food and community centered businesses based in East Anchorage. Wooden Spoons Alaska is a catering business that provides fresh and homemade lunches to six local schools and wholesale catering to local businesses. Birdwings Fine Chocolate specializes in delicious all natural handmade chocolate truffles and confections utilizing Alaskan ingredients whenever possible. East Anchorage Commercial Kitchen makes a licensed commercial kitchen available to new food businesses at a fair rate with no long term commitments giving small businesses the chance to grow at their own pace. The collection of businesses work together to feed, indulge and support the Anchorage community. Amy was born in Alaska and has a degree in elementary education but kept finding her way back to the kitchen; she believes in nourishing the future one bite at a time.

LATASHA MCKNIGHT & ERICA LAKE **MAC'S SNACKS AND TREATS**

Mac's Snack's and Treats is not your ordinary bakery; our goal is to bring your dream to life. We work closely with each client discussing just what they envision for their event, occasion or special day. Then we step in and add that right "POP" of flavor that makes it memorable for the client and their guest. When your guests leave, not only will they talk about your celebration but the sweet treats you provided for their tasting. We don't just let it stop with the sweet treats, how many times have you had a theme in mind and you go to the party store and it is no where to be found. Or you look on Etsy and find the theme, however to ship what you would like cost 2-3 times as much as the product? Mac's Snacks and Treats is here and ready to help make that theme available to you by providing custom party favors that accompany any theme.





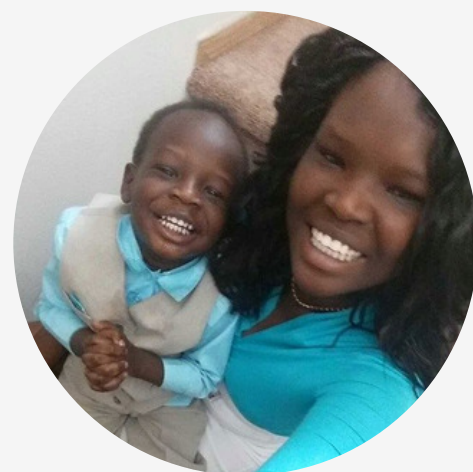
LAURA REVELS **ANÁASKI KAWÓOT**

Laura Revels, BA, M.Edc., is Tlingit, Kaagwaantaan (Eagle Moiety from the Wolf Clan), and is originally from Southeast Alaska. I am currently a Senior Manager & Storytelling Trainer at a local Tribal Health organization and am passionate about how education is shared with the Indigenous People. It is because of this passion, I continually explore new ways to use technology and traditional art methods, such as storytelling and beading, to share knowledge. It is the love and passion I have for our traditional art methods that has inspired me to pursue a long-time dream to open a business that helps our Indigenous artists: Anáaski Kawóot, an Indigenous Bead Artistry and Jewelry company.

Anáaski Kawóot means Alaska Bead in Tlingit, and most of our designs are inspired or based upon our cultural knowledge. We will share our artistry knowledge, help with the business side of art, and sell bead art and jewelry, with the goal of preserving our cultures, and to live the shared value of: "We all go forward together." For me, this is what it is all about, helping each other go forward. When you purchase one of our pieces, you will be getting a piece of true Alaska Native art that supports us to all go forward together one bead at a time.

MONICA AKUAC CHAN **HOSANA CARE HAVEN**

Monica is a single mother who has had trouble finding affordable childcare, especially one that is open in the evenings. Her mother was the operator of a childcare facility for a long time, where Monica learned the trade. She hopes to open Hosana Care Haven, an all hours childcare facility, in either Fairview or Mountain View in order to provide a sense of 'haven' for parents' peace of mind. She is a member of the Greater Friendship Baptist Church and is a Fairview resident.





KENYADA WATERS PAPARAZZI KIDS

Born and raised in Anchorage Alaska, Keyada Waters is the owner of Paparazzi Kids which provides crazy hair, face painting, and youth party and event coordinating and planning. She is also a respected independent living coach for Focus, Inc out of Eagle River and has previously worked for Assets, Inc and volunteered with Special Olympics Alaska. When she is not running her "ministry of smiles" business she is a busy and active member of her church House of Prayer, a Praise Team member, amazing singer and primary provider for her 93 year old grandfather.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR ATTENDEES:

Kenyada could not be with us tonight as she and her husband Kendric were the victims of a devastating crime while recently on their honeymoon. The couple was subject to an armed robbery while traveling, and Kendric was shot while defending Kenyada. Their story has been featured across Alaska and the U.S., and the community has come together to raise money for their medical costs and travel expenses as a result. We ask that you consider donating to the fund that has been set up in their honor by visiting the link below:
<https://www.gofundme.com/the-tylers-medical-travel-expenses>

MEET OUR TRAINER!

JASMIN SMITH THE BUSINESS BOUTIQUE

Jasmin is a multifaceted entrepreneur and community leader. Named a 2017 Top 40 Under 40 by the Alaska Journal of Commerce, she runs The Business Boutique, a certified, licensed small business development firm that handles everything from business plans to taxes. Smith's newest company, EKT Unlimited, plans on providing baby supplies to hospitals and other birthing centers; inspired by the Finnish baby box tradition and her own experience as a new mother. When she's not teaching, organizing, developing and consulting, she handles bookkeeping for a local nonprofit, acts as the vice president of the Mountain View Community Council and raises twins.



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