

The 2021 Top 25 Leading Women Entrepreneurs of New Jersey Announced with Magie Cook

Leading Women Entrepreneurs (LWE) is an organization that has recognized over 600 outstanding women in business over the past decade and is excited to honor 25 more. We are proud to celebrate the 2021 Top 25 Leading Women Entrepreneurs, Intrapreneurs, Brand Builders and Socialpreneurs. This prestigious group of women is selected out of hundreds of impressive nominations based on their strong business acumen and ability to both influence and inspire within their respective industries. These are the women business owners and corporate leaders who excel in innovation and advocacy for women.

We are so proud to announce:

Emma Aer – Franklin Foods

Nikki Boulukos and Carissa Jordan – Benjamin Talks

Paige Brattin – See Worthy Patches

Jessica King – botkeeper

Laura Crothers Osborn – Crothers Consulting, LLC

Kim Crotty – Morris County SHRM

Ushta Davar Canteenwalla – FiND Genetics

Sari Freeman – Passages of Distinction

Jennifer Gillman – Gillman Strategic Group, LLC

Dr. Regina Hampton – Medical Director of the Breast Care Center at Doctors Community Medical Center (Luminis Health) – Cherry Blossom Intimates

Michelle Heide – Michelle Heide & Associates

Marci Hopkins – Wake Up With Marci

Kimberly Ippolito Salerno – WW (formerly Weight Watchers)

Laura J. Longman – Princeton Area Community Foundation

Joanna Jin – Goldman Sachs

Jessica King – botkeeper

Sandy Ko – Customer Management Practice

Shelly Koonce – Novartis

Lisa Marks-Canty – NEST Global Solutions

Mari Marques-Thomas – Wyndham Hotels & Resorts

Avani Modi Sarkar – Modi Toys

Maryann Pagano – BlackHawk Data

Dr. Jill Saxon – Bausch + Lomb

Caroline Sayan – Dress For Success Northern New Jersey

Tammeisha Smith – Dunbar Center, Inc.

Melissa Stosic – DotLab

Guest speaker Magie Cook congratulates the Top 25, “Please know that the work you do today paves the way for the next generation of young, aspiring, female entrepreneurs and business leaders... Your innovation and ability to lift others as you climb is why you are being acknowledged. By promoting goodness and progress in the world, you are making New Jersey and the world a stronger and more equitable place to live.” Magie’s first company was Maggie’s Salsa, LLC, a fresh salsa and dips company that she started with \$800 after she was homeless which was later sold to Campbells Soup for 231 million. She is now living her dream by helping entrepreneurs and teams discover their hidden personal power so they can increase their revenue and grow consistently.

LWE is a networking organization that recognizes outstanding women in business and strives for their overall advancement. LWE connects and promotes high-level women entrepreneurs and executives through our respected media partnerships. We provide strategic networking, educational events and retreats. The mission is to create a sustainable ongoing environment that brings leaders together and showcases their attributes and contributions.

Linda Wellbrock, founder and CEO of LWE, says, “These honorees are amazing role models representative of the increasing impact diverse leaders are making in the world of business. We are excited to celebrate women who, despite gender-based challenges, excel in innovation and advocacy and have made it to the top regardless of the barriers.”

These amazing leaders will be honored virtually on October 28th, 2021. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/154334977071>

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