

# THE HUBSTER

NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE FOR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES

May 2022 Edition

## Celebrating National Small Business Week May 1-7, 2022



NC HUB Office Director Tammie Hall joined U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Isabel Guzman, U.S. Representative Deborah Ross, Forward Cities, and the NC Rural Center to celebrate small businesses in North Carolina and discuss continued efforts to help entrepreneurs in rural areas start, grow and thrive. Guzman's visit was part of the SBA's Building a Better America bus tour.

The HUB Office salutes Kristen Hess, founder and CEO of HH Architecture (a HUB certified firm) for her recent selection as North Carolina's SBA Small Business Person of the Year.



During the month of May, state employees were also honored for their service. The Department of Administration joined state cabinet agencies honoring May 1-7 as Employee Recognition Week and May 4 as Employee Appreciation Day. Grateful for her dedicated staff, Director Hall expressed gratitude, extending thanks to the dynamic, spirit-filled team who keeps the

wheels on the wagon every day, including HUB Office, NC Small Business Enterprise Program, and NC Minority Business Development Agency Business Center staff.

## Small Business Spotlight

### Royal Cheesecake & Varieties LLC

Royal Cheesecake & Varieties owners, Chef Kenneth J and Baker Tamara have been making desserts in the Triangle since 2013. They are originally from Detroit, Michigan but North Carolina has accepted them as one of their favorite dessert makers. In 2020, Kenneth J & Tamara became HUB certified and were recipients of the RETOOLNC grant. This grant allowed them to expand and purchase a dessert food truck.

The dessert food truck will be used at festivals, weddings and for catering events. They are currently seeking a permanent residence for their food truck to provide a more consistent location for customers on a weekly basis. The partners have the HUB certification imprinted on their business cards and are helping other businesses go through the process to become HUB certified.

HUB certification and the RETOOLNC grant was a monumental step in allowing Kenneth and Tamara to achieve the next level for their business.



*Congratulations!*

## Welcome!

### HUB Office 2022 Intern



The HUB Office welcomes **Chris Chan**, our summer intern. Chris is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro majoring in business administration with a focus

on human resources. As a member of the HUB Team, he will be updating HUB performance reports, assisting with internal communications and learning about supplier diversity. Chris is excited to work in the public sector and is looking forward to gaining new perspectives, and opportunities to raise more awareness about HUBs.

For fun and relaxation, you may find Chris exploring parts of North Carolina where he has not ventured, visiting local stores, trying new restaurants, and going to comedy clubs.

### Important Reminders for HUB Vendors!

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The Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses would like to welcome our certified vendors from April 2022!

Threadline Products Inc	JORDAN PLUMBING AND MAINTENANCE, LLC	United Connections Logistics
Precious Cargo LLC Transportation Service	Technostrides INC	Jae Emanuel Records LLC
By Design Renovations L.L.C	BUCKNER PLUMBING & HEATING	K.A Home Improvements, LLC
DAVIDSON SASH & DOOR INC	RDU Paving Inc	Jayco Enterprises, Inc. DBA Perfect Image
MIND YOUR BUSINESS, INC	Artis Construction Farm & Produce LLC	SMALLWOOD FLOORING, LLC
Three Oaks Engineering	All Tressed Up Salon	E-Fix Housing Solutions
Wizark Medical LLC	B&S Professional Concrete Co. LLC	Carefluent Inc
Professional Drywall, LLC	Haul Masters Unlimited LLC	Tigermoth Creative, LLC
Alexis Steel LLC	Brancu & Associates, PLLC	McKinley Davis, LLC
E. Moore Electric, LLC	Achieving Your Wellness Nutrition Center	Blu Innovations/LLH Solutions DBA Presti
LANIER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	Lindsay Rae Perry Consulting & Development	LC Reloaded LLC
Inspire365 Life & Business Coaching	Jobready2day, LLC	Gleam & Glo Cleaning Service
Elim Technologies LLC	BussDown Entertainment LLC	Victor 1 Lawn Care Inc
Christi Lowe Productions, LLC	18th and Extra Boutique LLC	Q.Med CME
Flow Force, Inc	Gilly Vending	RHD Property Inc
Whitson electric	Skylight Enterprise Of North Carolina LLC	TECHNOLOGY CONCEPTS & DESIGN, INC
MDM Enterprises LLC	Georgia Tardy Art	MedicalTraining.me, PLLC
DBB Additions LLC	Spectra Builders, Inc	Mayes Landscaping & Concrete Inc.
Limbionics of Raleigh, Inc	WHITLEY CONTRACTING INC	Rain Water Solutions, Inc
B Hunter Associates	Carolina Transport of Greensboro, Inc.	MDC Marketing Group LLC
Capitol Advantage Associates, Inc	Munoz Contracting LLC	TRACO Drywall, Inc.
Malaya Abed, Inc	PIA International, LLC	Hargett Supply, Inc.
Buffalo Lake Medical PLLC	DA Everett Construction Group, LLC	NC INTERIORS CONTRACTING, LLC
ZERI CONSULTING INC	By Design Renovations L.L.C.	Steve & Sons Construction
Stinson Exclusive Planning & Travel	Harvesters Janitorial Service, Inc	Nance Construction LLC
Goats Post Construction and Office Clean	Tidy Homes Cleaning Services LLC	22nd Century Technologies Inc
Shaw Xpress Inc	YM Landscape, Inc.	Reliable Solutions Construction
This Guy Electrostatic Disinfectant	Pushed & Polished, LLC	Nancy Frame Design
Spraying Services, LLC	Mattocks Logistics & Company LLC	Brownstone Construction Group
ATAP Solutions LLC	McKinley Lewis Associates, PLLC	JONAH'S ENTERPRISES INC
Dixon Social Interactive Services Inc	Cooper McCain Real Estate Valuation & Co	Jewell's of Autism L.L.C.
CATE Services & Construction LLC	Anderson Car Care & Pressure Wash/Anders	FP CROSSROADS CONSTRUCTION INC
Opened Door Career Services LLC	Corner Solutions NC Inc	GNK DEVELOPERS LLC
BanCar Services Group	Vivid Earth Design	T&KB Business Solutions, LLC
The Institute for Dynamic Leaders, LLC	SMD Brokerage	Paperless Planet
Ashlen Enterprises, LLC	Innovative Design, Inc	
Peculiar Roots	Elliott Insurance Agency, LLC	
DBEST EXPRESS TRANSIT	JOR CO LLC	
Rofhiwa Books LLC	The Staffing Firm LLC	
LMJ Pavement Marking, LLC	Valentine Counseling, PLLC	
TS Woodworks And RAD Design Inc		
Merrill Masonry, Inc		
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