

The Links Connector

South Bend Area (IN) Links Recognizing Our Members

Chapter President – Ambassador



Tina Patton. To honor President Tina Patton is to follow her on her journey to where she is today. Tina Patton was born to her loving parents, the late Mr. Robert Sr., and Mrs. Clara Taylor. She is the 7th child of 12 children. South Bend, Indiana has always been her hometown. She graduated from Washington High School in 1963.

Tina is married to Michael Patton and is the mother of three children, two step children and one grandchild. She is the co-pastor, along with her husband, Michael, at the Kingdom Life Christian Cathedral.



She matriculated at Indiana University South Bend, where she received a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration in 1990. She continued her education by attending the University of Notre Dame’s Executive Program receiving her MBA in 1993. She received the designation of Certified Securities Operations Specialist (CSOP) from the Cannon Financial Institute at the University of Notre Dame in 1990. In 2010, she was certified as an Information Security Management Specialist (CISM).

Tina is currently Vice President, Director of Nonprofit & Foundation Engagement at Indiana Trust Wealth Management. She joined Indiana Trust in February of 1989 as Trust Operations Manager, and has held several positions in the company over the past three decades, including Director of Operations and Director of Informational Technology.



Tina has received many accomplishments, awards, and recognitions. Here are a few of her recent ones: President and Chairman of Cross Community CDC. A non-profit organization building homes for individuals in the Near northwest neighborhood. The goal is to create safe, high-quality housing that is affordable and serves the people in the community; Elected to the Board of Trustees of South Bend Rotary Club, effective April 2022; Elected to the Board of Trustees, St. Mary’s College, effective June 2022; Current President of the Board of Trustees, Ivy Tech Community College; and Inducted to South Bend Community Hall of Fame in 2019.



Tina has been the speaker or presenter at the following events:

- Notre Dame Walk the Walk for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 2022 - “Building a Legacy Through Home Ownership”

- Elkhart Chapter of Indiana Black Expo Women’s Conference - “Generational Wealth Creation” - March 2022
- Human Rights Commission Fair Housing Month Lunch ‘N’ Learn - April 2022
- Food for Thought Breakfast sponsored by St. Mary’s College - April 2022
- Women Who Boss Up Podcast with Marcia Taylor WWBU radio “The Legacy Builder” - May 2022
- Heir-o-Link Jada Patton Graduating from Penn High School - June 2022

The South Bend Area (IN) Chapter is proud of President Tina Patton and her many accomplishments through the years. This is her second two-term presidency of this Chapter. She has held many positions; namely, president, recording secretary, treasurer, programming chair and member of various committees and facets.



Who is a phenomenal woman? Tina Patton is this phenomenal woman. Why? Because she has the five attributes of a strong female leader:

- Diplomatic
- Ambitious
- Compassionate
- Educated
- Visionary

In the words of Maya Angelou,

*“I’m a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That’s me.”*

Tina Patton, you are a “Phenomenal Woman.” Keep doing what you do and keep trusting in the Almighty.

*President
Tina Patton*



Aimee Matthews— Chapter’s First Scholarship Recipient Reports:



As a former Links scholarship recipient, I am very grateful for my exposure to this organization whose priority is to encourage and alleviate the financial burden of attending university on minority women. Being able to interact with the



Links women whether by having brunch or catching up at the annual breakfast greatly improved my matriculation experience through IUSB.



I married my college sweetheart Lawrence Mitchell-Matthews in 2019 and we currently have a one year old son and are expecting another addition to our family in the fall. I am currently working as a Mobile General Dentist in the Metro Detroit school system where I provide comprehensive dental care for students during the school day which eliminates them missing school for dental emergencies and only missing the minutes where I see them from their classes. Additionally, I work as an Admissions interviewer at Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and I am also involved as a dental mentor with the Student National Dental Association at Detroit Mercy whose main goal is to serve the underserved community and provide opportunities for bipoc students to get introduced to the field of dentistry from elementary aged to pre dental.

Aimee Matthews

Naomi Adams — Chapter’s First President’s Ambassador Award Winner:

Naomi Adams was named the 1st President’s Ambassador on February 5, 2022. She deserved this award because of her tireless efforts to lead the charge of increasing the membership of the South Bend Area (IN) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Naomi held meetings with the National organization and with the Central Area leadership regarding membership. She met with local leadership as well as the Chapter to come up with strategic to enhance our member experience as well as increase our membership. Four new members came into the Chapter in 2021, with three more scheduled for induction in June 2022.

Naomi was instrumental in creating the Circle of Friends which was beneficial in raising awareness to the phenomenal women of Links, and our organization as well as potentially increasing our membership.

Naomi has been a member of the South Bend Chapter since 2012. She serves as 1st Vice President over membership.

She is married to Paul Adams and works as a counselor in the South Bend Community School Corporation. She founded the NDA Consulting and Counseling Agency. She received her MSW from Indiana University South Bend.

South Bend Chapter Entrepreneurs

Meet five (5) of the South Bend Area (IN) Chapter members who are CEO’s of their small businesses on the next few pages of this newsletter. We wish you much success in your business endeavors: **Naomi Adams, Angela Nelson Deutch, Tina Patton, Ida Reynolds Watson, and Consuella Hopkins.**

South Bend Chapter Entrepreneur

Naomi Adams, CEO — Naomi started her small business called NDA Consulting & Counseling Services over two years ago covering the following areas: Training, Workshops, Seminars, Life Coaching, Individual and Group therapy.

Naomi is a graduate of Indiana University South Bend. She earned a Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice and went on to receive a Masters in Social Work. Naomi is a Clinical Licensed Social Worker, Licensed Addictions Counselor and Certified Life Coach. Her specialities are: Depression, Anxiety, Trauma and Substance Abuse Issues.

Naomi is passionate about empowering women on how to survive and to regain their life back through trauma recovery, CBT and mindfulness. She is specifically trained to work with clients with issues related to depression, anxiety, substance abuse and relationship issues.

Naomi states, “I believe in taking a collaborative approach to helping clients reach their full potential in life. It is my belief that clients are the experts in their own lives and by blending our areas of expertise together, we can become a team to help the client reach their desired goals and their full potential. I specialize to help women and men from all walks of life.”

Naomi, may you have much success in your business ownership.



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Angela Nelson Deutch, CEO — Angie is a Certified Diversity Professional. She launched her own consulting firm, I & D Squared Consulting, LLC, in 2017 focused on improving diversity and inclusion in the region. Her goal is to work with local non-profits and business on improving relationships and services to diverse customers, attracting, and retaining top talent, and building an inclusive leadership culture. Angie has over 25 years management experience in the telecommunications, energy, and nonprofit sectors. She recently left NiSource after ten years to work full-time on her business.



Angie provides workshops in person and virtually on Implicit Bias in Healthcare, Managing Unconscious Bias, Strategies for creating a Culturally Inclusive Classroom, and Developing Cultural Intelligence.

She is also very active in the community and with several non-profit organizations. She is on the board of directors of the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, LaPorte County Career and Tech Center Advisory Board and United Way of LaPorte County. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Indiana United Way. She is an At-Large member of the Michigan City Common Council.

Angie has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Florida A&M University (FAMU)/Florida State University (FAU) College of Engineering. She also has a Master of Public Affairs (Public Administration) from Indiana University.

I & D Squared Consulting, LLC, Angela Nelson Deutch, President, has a partnership with Michigan City Area Schools in a “City Connect” program. This program will supplement exciting school counseling efforts, serving approximately 50 Michigan City High School seniors who have not established firm post-graduation plans. Diversity Squared will assist these students through one-on-one and small-group sessions, helping them determining next steps aligned with their areas of interest.



Angie Nelson Deutch, president of DiversitySquared, assisting students on soft skills, work ethic, and related skills, job placement, field trips to area businesses, tour Ivy Tech and assisting in filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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Tina Patton, CEO — Cross Community, Inc.



Program Goal

- Our goal is to create safe, high quality housing that is affordable and serves the people in the community, rather than displaces them.

Cross Community, Inc.

- Cross Community, Inc. is a Community Development Corporation.

Cross Community Purpose

- Cross Community was created to develop initiatives specifically designed to support the City of South Bend's West Side Main Streets revitalization plan for west side neighborhoods.

Target Customers

- People in the community who have had little chance to participate in home ownership.
- Those who have been historically excluded from the opportunity to acquire property and create wealth.
- People who currently live and worship in the community and want the opportunity to improve their lives and the lives of their families.
- Individuals willing to create change in their lives and do the work necessary to make those changes happen.

Home Ownership Education

Three 4-week virtual classroom sessions and individual coaching lasting an entire year will be provided free of charge to prospective residents of Kingdom Campus.

- Course Outcomes
- Create your own complete home ownership plan
- Know common misconceptions regarding home ownership
- Knowing how to qualify for a home mortgage
- Knowing the cost associated with the home buying process
- Snapshot of their credit and credit scores
- Receive home buying resource guide

How does this work

Through the program, people would only have to pay for the appraised value of a home. Selected lenders have pledged to provide people who qualify with a loan that covers virtually 97%-100% of the home's appraised value. The difference between the home's appraised value and the construction cost will be paid by Cross Community. (The difference is made up from the CDC, local, state and federal grant contributions)



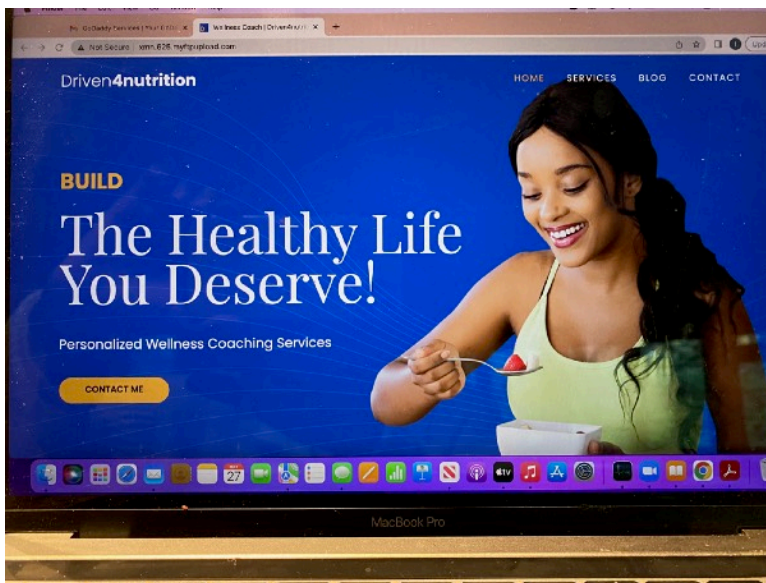
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Ida Reynolds Watson, CEO – Driven4nutrition is Ida’s health and wellness business. She is in the process of developing her website where she will have all of her information available that will explain what her business is about. Stay tune!



To further add to Ida’s credentials, she is pursuing a certification in Holistic Health Studies at St. Catherine University of St. Paul Minnesota.

Below is an example of what Ida’s website will be when she has completed it and goes “live.”



South Bend Chapter Entrepreneur

Consuella Hopkins — Consuella D. Hopkins founded Consuella's Accounting & Tax Service over 25 years ago. She has an enriched background in accounting, banking and tax preparation at leading financial institutions. More than an accountant, Consuella serves as a strategic partner in helping you achieve your financial goals. She leads a skilled team of professionals to ensure that you receive the best service they can provide. She has Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business focused in Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services from Indiana University of South Bend.



Consuella's Accounting & Tax Service provides financial seminars to company employees on how to manage the company's or the employees' personal finances. They can provide individuals with life changing information that will catapult their company and their personal finances to the next level. This enriching seminar will allow individuals the chance to ask questions and get first hand knowledge on how to balance and manage finances properly. Consuella Hopkins has over 25 years experience in this field and can assist companies.

Consuella's Accounting & Tax Service offers Income Tax Courses in the following areas:

- Quick Basic Tax Course
- Basic Tax Course
- Comprehensive Tax Course
- Small Business Tax Course

Consuella founded and organized CDH Enterprises that consists of five (5) successful businesses established to create economic prosperous and sustainable communities:

1. Consuella's Accounting and Tax Firm (www.Consuellasaccounting.com)
2. Good Money Multiplier LLC (www.goodmoneymultiplier.com)
3. A New Huey Properties LLC(www.anhp574.com)
4. Swella's Ville Office Studios & Suites (www.svoss2201.com)
5. Swella's Ville Foundation (www.SwellasVille.com)

By clicking on each of the above links, you will be able to see details of each of Consuella's businesses.

Consuella will speak in Dubai this summer, July 30, 2022-August 4 2022, at a Generational Wealth Conference. She is extremely excited for this opportunity to share her knowledge with others.

Consuella was featured in the May 2022 Black Family Magazine Her article is entitled, "Strength of a Woman." Check out her article on Page 54 of this link:

[The Black Family Magazine - May 2022 Digital Edition](#)



South Bend Chapter Honorees/Recognitions



Naomi Adams

President's Ambassador Award — February 2022



Imogene Harris

President's Ambassador Award — March 2022



Emma Dockery

President's Ambassador Award — April 2022



Trion Thomas

President's Ambassador Award — May 2022

Angela Nelson Deutch

Paul J. Alinsky Excellence Award by the Rotary Club of Michigan City, Indiana 2022

Virginia Calvin

Black History Award recognition: "It Takes a Village!" 2022

Tina Patton

Received Honorary Degree from Ivy Tech Community College 2022 and named the YWCA North Central Indiana's 2022 Sojourner Truth Award Recipient, April 2022



Angela Nelson Deutch – Keynote Speaker

Angela was the keynote speaker at the Rotary District 6540 Conference, May 21, 2022, held at McKenna Hall on the campus of The University of Notre Dame. She stated, “It’s important to ‘Welcome All’ into your organizations and to embrace everyone’s cultural values to provide service to the community.” It was an enjoyable experience for Angela.



South Bend Area(IN) Chapter Members

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Tina Patton

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Naomi Adams

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South Bend Area (IN) Chapter Library Donation

If you haven’t seen the Bronze Donor List on display at the new South Bend downtown library, showing our Chapter’s name, be sure to check it out. It’s located in the new section.

