



MOFU Shoppe

Female Entrepreneurs in Raleigh

Culinary

Ashley Christensen

Chef Ashley Christensen is known to many as the face of Raleigh's booming food scene. Since opening Poole's Diner in 2007, her work—both in the kitchen and the community—has earned the attention and admiration of foodies everywhere. Christensen received the Outstanding Chef Award from the James Beard Foundation in 2019, the highest individual honor for a chef at the "Oscars of the food world." Her fifth restaurant Poole's side Pies, a Neapolitan-style pizza shop with a playful and vintage vibe, opened in downtown Raleigh in summer 2019.

Cheetie Kumar

Music, food and creating a good time go hand in hand for rocker-turned-restaurateur Cheetie Kumar. The four-time James Beard Foundation Semifinalist for Best Chef Southeast is co-owner of the Indian and Pan-Asian restaurant Garland, indie music venue KINGS and the cozy subterranean cocktail bar Neptunes Parlour. This foodie/nightlife/music complex embodies Kumar's understatedly edgy and eclectic spirit. The adventurous, one-of-a-kind, seasonal spice-driven menu at Garland will keep you coming back for more.



Ashley Christensen

Other Raleigh Chefs/Restaurateurs

Angela Salamanca Centro and Gallo Pelón Mezcaleria

Carolina Morrison and Siobhan Southern The Fiction Kitchen

Anna Phommavong Heirloom Brewshop

Coleen Speaks Hummingbird

Sunny Lin MOFU Shoppe



Cheetie Kumar

Breweries

Ellen Joyner, Jackie Hudspeth and Michelle Miniutti: Bombshell Beer Company

Craft beer is not just for guys! This bombshell team of home brewers followed their dreams to create 100% women owned microbrewery in Holly Springs. The taproom and outdoor Beer Garden offer ample space to enjoy the stylistic beers and sample flights.

Kristie Nystedt: Raleigh Brewing Company

RBC was the first female owned brewery in NC, which opened in 2013. This brewery fully embraces the City of Oaks from its beer names to the murals on the walls. Sample from the 30+ taps or purchase your own homebrewing equipment at its on-site sister shop Atlantic Brew Supply. The brewery recently opened a new taproom in Cary and a location in the RDU International Airport. Be sure to try President and CEO Kristie Nystedt's favorite beer: Hell Yes Ma'am.

Attractions

Gab Smith: CAM Raleigh

The Contemporary Art Museum in downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District showcases constantly changing exhibits that explore what's current and coming in the art and design world. Executive Director Gab Smith's goal is for visitors and the community to be inspired by and engage with the art. Museum admission is free.

"One of the things I love about Raleigh is that the community itself is such a creative place."
-Gab Smith, CAM Raleigh



Gab Smith

Sally Edwards: Marbles Kids Museum

Marbles helps kids to connect, communicate, create and learn through extraordinary adventures in play with dozens of interactive exhibits, educational programs, special events and an IMAX theater. President/Director Sally Edwards draws inspiration from children and communities around the world to emphasize the "play with purpose" goal of Marbles. Museum is open to kids ages 10 and under; \$7 admission, children under 1 play free.



Linda Dallas

Retail

Linda Dallas

Raleigh artist and illustrator Linda Dallas transforms food and cultural influences into fine art in hopes of bringing people together. She creatively combines colors, patterns and textures in her small and large-scale watercolors. Dallas' downtown Raleigh studio displays many of her works and is open for gallery events, workshops and private lessons.

Kelly Shatat

Designer and entrepreneur Kelly Shatat started her jewelry making business as a hobby while working full time as a pharmacist. It has now evolved into the lifestyle brand Moon and Lola, based out of a 3,000-square-foot loft in downtown Apex. Shatat's designs can be found in more than 1,000 boutiques and specialty retailers and have appeared on Oprah's Favorite Things list. The DIY Charm Bar is a can't miss, encouraging hands-on creativity with personalized and themed charms.

"Life is so serious. If we can lighten the air and bring happiness into people's lives, then we've succeeded."

-Kelly Shatat, Moon and Lola

"With DECO, I wanted to create a sense of place. A lot of people have asked 'do we sell online?' We don't! Once they come to our store, they realize why."

-Pam Blondin, DECO Raleigh

Other Raleigh Retailers

Pam Blondin

DECO Raleigh

Danielle Centeno

Escazú Chocolates

Jess Ullom

Hawks and Doves

Sarah Yarborough

Raleigh Denim Workshop

Jenny Bonchak

Slingshot Coffee Co.

Margaret and Megan George

The Zen Succulent



Raleigh Denim Workshop

Hotels

The Umstead Hotel and Spa

Five Star and Five Diamond independently-owned hotel from Ann and Jim Goodnight that draws inspiration from art and nature. The property features stunning interiors punctuated with Mrs. Goodnight's privately curated fine art collection, 150 spacious guest rooms and suites, world-class cuisine, a stimulating spa and a serene woodland setting. In Nov. 2019 the hotel began a \$14 million total renovation of its rooms and corridors. Bar and lounge renovations begin in Aug. and Heron's restaurant renovations starts in Sept.

Guest House Raleigh

Downtown Raleigh's first boutique inn opened Fall 2018 under husband-wife duo Matt Tomasulo and Nicole Alvarez. The couple moved and renovated the Gorham House—a historic home that was built in the 1880s—and turned it into a super-unique, design-forward, intimate eight-room property. Comfy common spaces include the historic parlor and study, spacious kitchen and a backyard courtyard with skyline views.



Guest House Raleigh

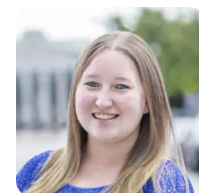
Montfort Hall

This property is currently being renovated and restored by Sarah and Jeff Shepherd to be a nine room boutique inn and gathering space. It was created from an 1858 Italianate style historic mansion in the Boylan Heights neighborhood where the Shepherds also live. This National and Raleigh Historic Landmark is one of the few remaining pre-civil war houses in the area and is estimated to open in late 2020.



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