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December 2021



## From the President

It is hard to believe another year is drawing to a close. What an incredible year of accomplishments for CREW



Charlotte!  
Although we  
were not able to  
meet or network  
in person every  
month this year,

we still managed to remain connected and committed to our mission thanks to our remarkable leadership team. They collaborated to lead our chapter throughout this pandemic with such grace and empathy and immediately sought opportunities to adapt to the new way of networking, member engagement, and professional development. A few of our 2021 highlights include:

We formed the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force to increase equity and inclusion throughout our organization. We established DEI goals and action plans within each of our committees and board. We also updated the Strategic Plan, Bylaws, and our policies and procedures, ensuring each of these foundational documents were representative of our specific focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our Programs Committee identified diverse commercial real estate topics and speakers to create exceptional programming sessions for our members. We revamped our Ambassador Program, to ensure all members are welcomed and included from the onset of joining CREW Charlotte.

Our Special Events Committee offered outdoor networking opportunities as a way to remain connected during the pandemic. At the beginning of 2021, we also introduced the restructured sponsorship brochure which provides more flexibility to our sponsors. The Professional Development Committee changed the cadence of the mentoring program from biennial to annual in further support of our education and leadership development goals. Our leadership team has been hard at work this year to empower our members and we remain steadfast in our commitment to each of you and the CREW core values.

Serving as your President has been an honor and an experience I will never forget. I am fortunate to have served alongside our




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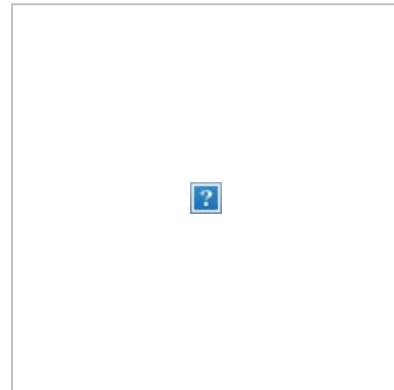
January 11, 2022 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
[CREW Charlotte January 2022 Committee Fair & Luncheon \(in-person\)](#)  
[Register Now](#)

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January 27, 2022 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
[CREW Charlotte January 2022 Lunch Ladder \(Members only/in-person\)](#)  
[Register Now](#)

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February 10, 2022 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
[CREW Charlotte's Casino & Gaming Night \(in-person\)](#)  
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**Cory Hunter**  
Bureau Veritas

leadership team and board. I want to especially thank our board members who will be rolling off this year. Your time and dedication to our chapter has been instrumental in helping us navigate these last two years. Thank you to all of our members and sponsors for this amazing opportunity and I am so grateful to be a part of this professional community. I look forward to seeing all of you at events next year. I wish you and yours a very Happy New Year!



**Darlene Heater**  
Panorama Holdings

**Nikki Thornton**  
Coldwell Banker Commercial MECA

**Kelsey Thrasher**  
LennarSF

Please contact [Patty Drummond](#) with your career updates.

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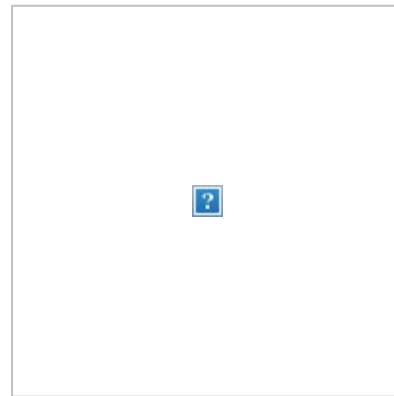
## Highlights

Hear what CREW  
Charlotte 2021  
Convention  
Scholarship  
Recipients have  
to say about the  
[2021 CREW](#)



### [Network](#)

[Convention](#). It's not too early to plan to attend the 2022 CREW Network Convention in Chicago!



**Now is the time to renew your membership and update your CREWbiz profile!** Your membership expires on December 31 so please take a moment to [renew your membership](#) and avoid a lapse in member benefits.

**Katie Husselbee**  
Harker



**Member News.** Do you have any **news** to share with us about you or your company? Have you won an **award**? Would you like us to **nominate** you for

one? If so, please contact [Patty Drummond](#) with your information.

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## December 2021 Impact Awards

Congratulations to our 2021 CREW Charlotte Impact Award Winners!

**Ground Breaker**  
**Alexis Kaiser, JLL**

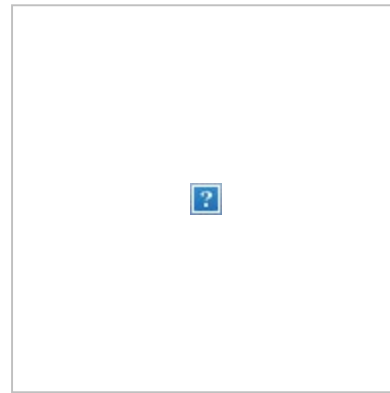
**Carrie Sharp Power Connector**  
**Lisa Vogel, Boston National Title**

**Member-to-Member Business**  
**Marie McLucas, Primax Properties**

**Career Advancement for Women**  
**Anne Vulcano, Cushman & Wakefield**

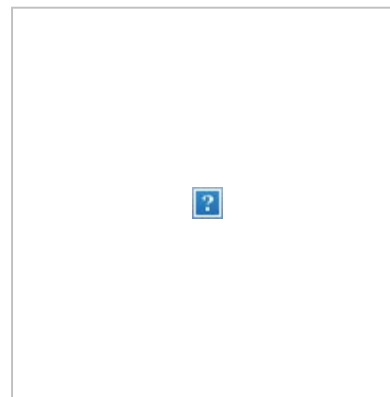
**Entrepreneurial Spirit**  
**Amanda Hibberts, Platinum Coating of NC**

**Men Empowering Women**



**Makayla Stiffler**  
**GreerWalker**

[Click here to read the member spotlights.](#)



**[Thank you Angela Saladino with Illuminating Technologies!](#)**

Angela Saladino has been great to work with. She recently helped me with lighting on a retail upfit project we designed. The client was so pleased with the lighting Angela recommended! You are my go-to for lighting thank you again! – Krystyna Kielbon

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**[Primax Pink Warriors Fund The Future Legacy Grant](#)**

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**Bryan Johnson, Colliers International**

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

**Tonya Brandon, CBRE**

**Circle of Excellence**

**Molly Carroll, Trinity Partners**

**President's Choice Award**

**Angela Saladino, Illuminating  
Technologies**

[Click here to read more about our Impact Awards.](#)

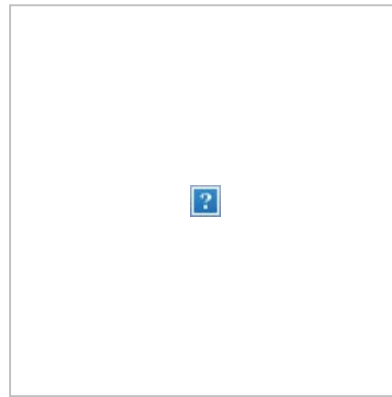
## “A Friendly Rivalry – How Two Women Competitors Found Common Ground”



CREW  
Charlotte’s virtual  
December  
luncheon was a  
celebration of  
‘Women  
supporting  
Women’ in power  
roles combined

with a presentation of our year-end 2021 Impact Awards. We had Morgan Fogarty and Molly Grantham, two respected reporters and newscasters on competing television networks. They have struck up an unlikely friendship and were virtually on with our CREW Charlotte network to talk about their relationship, as to inspire our group to build each other up even in the most unlikely and unusual of situations.

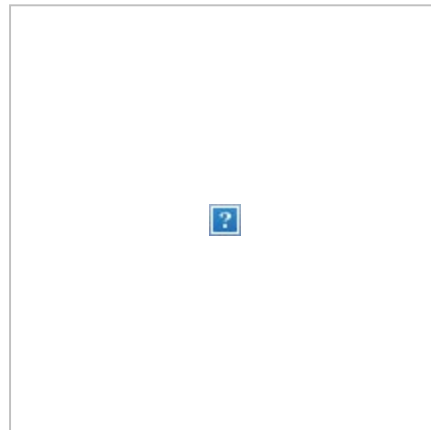
[Click here to read a summary of the luncheon.](#)



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Industry Manager - Iredell County  
Economic Development**

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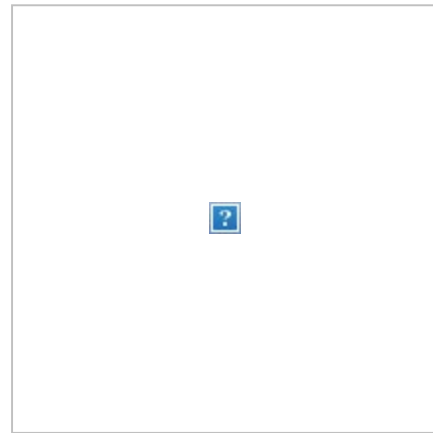
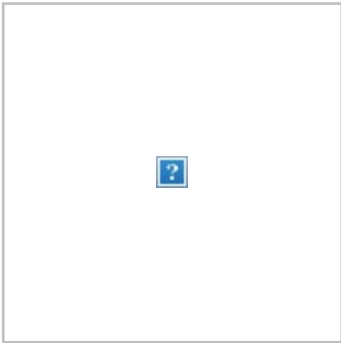
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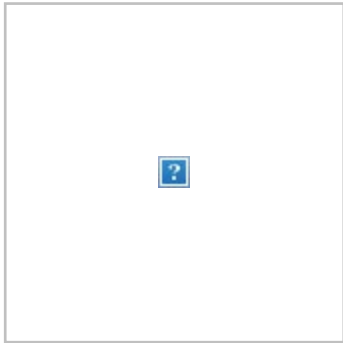


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