

DR. KARINE MELISSA PURCHAS

PROFESSOR & ENTREPRENEUR

For over twenty-five years, Dr. Karine Melissa has poured her heart into women in business, creative entrepreneurs, and youth by cultivating platforms, events, services and programs that serve her community. She is a Professor at Miami Dade College, South Florida Bible College, Southeastern University, and Karine Melissa School of Business at South Florida Fashion Academy, an accredited dual enrollment high school.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- NAACP & Beyonce's BeyGood Foundation – Business Grant Recipient
- Legacy Magazine – South Florida's Top 50 Black Business Leaders and Influencers
- Brickell Key Magazine – "Top 20 under 40" Professionals by Brickell Key Magazine
- City of Miami – 3x Commencement Recognition for Philanthropic efforts
- City of Miami Gardens – Commencement Recognition for work in the community
- City of North Miami Beach – Proclamation Recognition for work in the community

ABOUT

Dr. Karine Melissa began her entrepreneurship journey at the age of eighteen when she began working in her community as a Fashion Show Coordinator to fundraise for nonprofits in her community. While working in the community, she developed a passion for philanthropy and positioned herself as a Youth Mentor to inner city teens at her church and local non-profit organizations. Embracing full-time ministry, Karine Melissa accepted the role as Executive Director of a local non-profit organization where she served thousands of youth and families by creating and organizing summer camp programs, mentorship programs, after-school programs, family meal services, financial literacy seminars, and leadership trainings. After years of experience collaborating with organizations, Karine Melissa tackled entrepreneurship head-on.

Karine Melissa created Fashion Designers Expo (FDE), now LOUD Love of Urban Design®, a platform to incubate the dreams and aspirations of emerging and thriving creatives. FDE has been featured in major press and media outlets such as ELLE Spain and WSVN 7 Deco Drive. As a leader in the industry, Karine Melissa has been featured in several local publications including Voyage Miami, Shout Out Miami, Sun Sentinel, Miami New Times, Legacy Magazine, Coral Gables Magazine and Brickell Key Magazine.



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EDUCATION

- University of Phoenix DM (abd), Doctor of Management and Organizational Leadership – Completion – 2022
- The National Society of Leadership and Success - University of Phoenix - 2021
- Light University Biblical Counseling Certificate – December 2016
- University of Phoenix Master of Arts, Marketing Management – June 2015
- Trinity International University Bachelor's in Arts, Communications and Organizational Leadership – May 2010
- Bank of America Institute for Women's Entrepreneurship at Cornell University - Certificate of Women in Business Leadership - 2021
- PCDI/Ashworth University Certificate, Fashion Retail and Merchandising – August 2005
- TESOL Certificate – March 2020
- Florida Department of Children & Families – Childcare Training Certificates: Child-Care Facility Rules & Regulations, Health, Safety & Nutrition, Identifying & Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect, Child Growth & Development, Early Literacy for Children Age Birth through Three, Basic Guidance & Discipline, Early Childhood Computer Learning Centers, and Special Needs Appropriate Practices.