

C4 in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Academy Presents:

# Minority Entrepreneurs in Sustainability Panel Discussion



Date: Thursday, November 15  
Location: Beacon Room,  
Center for Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
Time: 11:00am- 12:20pm

Join us to hear entrepreneurs talk about their businesses and how they are based around sustainability and sustainable practices.

Samples from our special guest vegan chef!  
Light refreshments will be served.

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*MODERATOR*

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Founder of Petal Share



**MATTHEW N. PORTIS**  
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SolGreen



**ERICA AHMED**  
Owner & Founder of  
The Green Laundress



*SPECIAL GUEST*  
**CHEF UJJI**  
Owner and Founder of  
Bon Vegan



## Chanceé Lundy

co-owner of Nspiregreen LLC



B.S. in Environmental Science, Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University  
M.S. in Civil Engineering, Florida State University

- Cofounded Nspiregreen LLC in 2009 where she is responsible for leading the company's environmental practice.
- Member of American Society of Civil Engineers, Water Environment Federation, National Society of Black Engineers
- Mayoral Appointee to the Chesapeake Bay Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee
- Recognized by Career Communications Group as Top 100 Most Important in Black Technology
- One of Ebony Magazine's 30 Leaders of the Future
- Member of Business Leadership Academy Advisory Board at Columbia Southern University

Nspiregreen- Sustainability consulting firm based in Washington, D.C.

Nspiregreen is a fun, creative, and compassionate planning firm that creates communities where people have access to safe, clean, and healthy built natural environments







B.A., Business, Fayetteville State University  
Master of Business Administration, Howard University

- Served, or serves, on South Carolina State University Board of Directors and Fayetteville State University School of Business Deans Advisory Board
- Youngest trustee for Board of the National Urban League
- Purchased & operated a Church's chicken franchise & reestablished a major, historical dry cleaning company
- Appointed by former NC governor as member of the Governor's Advisory Council for Small & Historically Underutilized Businesses

## Nicholas M. Perkins

Chairman, President, and CEO of  
Perkins Management Services Co.



Perkins Management Services- A multi-million dollar enterprise with multiple business platforms specializing in providing food services management. The company serves a diverse portfolio of clients that include colleges & universities, hospitals, and the U.S. Department of Defense



Master of Public Health, George Washington University  
Juris Doctorate, George Washington University Law School

- Currently a Civil Rights Analyst and attorney at the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Office of Civil Rights (OCR)
- Currently serves as OCR's subject matter expert on Title IX related matters of the Education Amendments of 1972
- Served as Director of Language Access Services, Civil Rights Investigator and Federal Hearing Official
- Awarded HHS Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service in helping to advance non-discriminatory health care
- Member of We Feed Our People and Girls Health Ed
- Serves on Board of Directors for Ward 8 Farmers market and Vice Chairwoman for the Ebony Horsewomen, Inc.

## Heather Lawson, Esq.

Founder of Petal Share



Petal Share- Washington, D.C. based charitable organization focused on sharing recycled flowers to provide comfort and joy to the most fragile

Focused on merging the ideals of social philanthropy, sustainability, community service and collective purpose



B.S. in Engineering Technology, DeVry University, Columbus Ohio

M.S. in Engineering Management, George Washington University

- Process engineer in 2000 at Intel Corp, later became contractor with federal government
- Technical planner & consultant for IRS, DOJ, and US Air Force
- Project Manager Subject Matter Expert with the National Weather Service

## Matthew Portis, Jr.

Founder, President and CEO of SolGreen



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SolGreen- Company that provides accessible, off-grid, clean energy to power everyday amenities

Mission is to revolutionize clean technology and commercial design - making people's lives easier and our planet more sustainable.



M.S. in Health Education, Columbia University  
M.A. in Counseling Psychology, Bowie State University

- Trained as a health educator and senior communication specialist in the public health field
- Started developing cleaning products to address skincare needs

## Erica Ahmed

Owner and Founder of The  
Green Laundress



The Green Laundress- A Maryland based eco-friendly and people-friendly company that manufactures green cleaning products

Mission is to educate consumers about the importance of using cleaning products that are good for the environment and their health





Chef Ujji discovered her passion for cooking at a very young age with a purpose to transform her health. After growing up in a food desert and seeing her health decline, she was inspired to begin her entrepreneurship and launched Bon Vegan

- Opened an after school cooking program
- Specializes in organic, locally sourced, vegan comfort foods.

## Chef Ujji

Owner and Founder of Bon Vegan



Bon Vegan- Offers a variety of personal chef services including At-Home Meal Prep, Special Events, and Transitional Vegan Lifestyle.

Mission is to empower health through plant-based meals and conscious cooking