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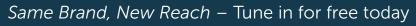
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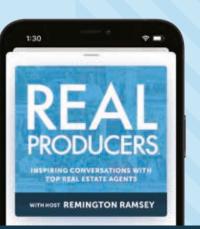
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FROM THE WORLD OF HOSPITALITY TO ADVOCACY FOR HOME OWNERSHIP

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Meet Chaqueria Vereen, a dynamic force in the real estate scene, whose journey from hospitality to advocacy of homeownership is nothing short of remarkable.

Born and raised in Little River, South Carolina, Chaqueria embodies the spirit of the Grand Strand. With a degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management from the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, her roots in hospitality run deep. But it was during her tenure at Sands Ocean Club, where fate intertwined with ambition, shaping her path in unforeseen ways.

"I started my real estate career in January 2021," Chaqueria shares, reflecting on the pivotal moment that marked her transition into the world of real estate. Before diving into the realm of property, she wandered through various avenues, dabbling in different roles and soaking up life experiences. "I did a little bit of everything and everywhere," she chuckles, reminiscing about her journey. From front desk clerk at Sands Ocean Club to a stint in Career Services, Chaqueria traversed diverse work areas, each step guiding her towards her true calling.

It was during her tenure at Sands Ocean Club that Chaqueria

found herself drawn to the world of real estate. Interactions with Realtors sparked a flame of curiosity within her, igniting a desire to be part of something greater - to facilitate dreams and weave stories of homeownership.



"When I asked Realtors about their profession, the resounding answer was about helping people's dreams come true," Chaqueria explains. "I wanted to be a part of that journey, to serve my community in a meaningful way."

Driven by a desire to make a difference, Chaqueria embarked on her real estate odyssey, guided by faith and fortified by her unwavering resolve. "I prayed for clarity, for guidance," she shares, emphasizing the importance of faith in her journey. She felt peace as she started her training at Pinnacle, and she was getting more excited as she was continuing through her classes. Chaqueria explains, "When choosing a brokerage, the type of training they offered was very important to me. I loved how passionate Jamie Broadhurst was, and how good he was at affirming people. So though it was a longer commute to that office, I knew Century 21 Broadhurst was the best place for me."

As an introvert navigating the extroverted world of real estate, Chaqueria faced her fair share of challenges. "Talking to strangers was out of my comfort zone," she admits. Yet, with perseverance and the gentle nudges of mentors like Jamie Broadhurst and Amanda Unerli, she stepped out of her shell, embracing network-

ing opportunities and forging meaningful connections.

"My passion comes from helping others achieve their dreams," Chaqueria exclaims, her eyes sparkling with enthusiasm. Whether it's guiding firsttime buyers or seasoned investors, her commitment



to her clients knows no bounds. And as a black woman in a predominantly white industry, Chaqueria finds profound joy in breaking barriers and empowering her community.

Beyond the realms of real estate, Chaqueria finds solace in the rhythmic movements of salsa and bachata. Her love for Latin dance transcends the dance floor, infusing her life with joy and vitality. And with a penchant for international travel and baking, she embraces every opportunity to explore new horizons and indulge her culinary passions.

But amidst the whirlwind of her bustling career and vibrant hobbies, Chaqueria remains grounded in family values and a spirit of giving. "My family is my rock," she declares, her voice brimming with gratitude. From hosting lively gatherings to sharing moments of laughter and love, family is the cornerstone of her existence.

As she continues to trailblaze in the world of real estate, Chaqueria hopes to be remembered not only for her professional achievements but for her unwavering commitment to service and integrity. "I am here to help others, in any aspect of life," she affirms, embodying the essence of compassion and generosity.

In closing, Chaqueria leaves behind a nugget of wisdom for aspiring Realtors: "Don't be afraid to put yourself out there. Stand on integrity, embrace growth, and stay true to yourself.'

> Indeed, in the tapestry of Myrtle Beach's real estate landscape, Chaqueria shines as a beacon of hope, a guiding light for those embarking on their journey towards homeownership. With each transaction, she weaves a story of dreams fulfilled and lives transformed, leaving an indelible mark on the sands of time.



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In the bustling world of real estate along the Grand Strand, one name shines brightly: Kathy Dulhagen. With over a decade of experience under her belt, Kathy stands tall as a beacon of success and integrity in the industry.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Kathy's venture into real estate, starting June 2013, was a pivotal moment in her life. Before diving into the world of property transactions, she served as an executive assistant and office manager for the Senior Vice President of a General Aviation company. But life's twists and turns led her to South Carolina, where the allure of real estate beckoned her. Her youngest child was finishing college, and she and her husband were ready for a move.

"I relocated to SC for family reasons," Kathy shares, her eyes reflecting the determination that propelled her forward. "Not ready to retire, I knew real estate was what I wanted to do. I love working with people, and I thought this would be the perfect career for me."







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My cherished network of family and friends forms the bedrock of my life. I treasure their support. Beyond mere acquaintances, many of my clients become friends, forging bonds that enrich both my personal and professional spheres. Real estate is not for the faint of heart and without my very supportive family and friends, this would have been a much harder journey."

A PASSION IGNITED

It wasn't just happenstance that drew Kathy into the real estate realm; it was a deep-seated passion for the industry and a genuine desire to help others achieve their dreams. "I love the real estate industry," she expresses with a heartfelt smile. "Being able to help so many people achieve their real estate dreams or goals is very rewarding. I knew BRG, now INNOVATE Real Estate, would be the best brokerage for me to reach my goals."

Her journey wasn't without its hurdles. Moving from New Jersey to South Carolina presented its challenges, compounded by her unfamiliarity with the area and the initial lack of strong mentors to provide any guidance. But Kathy's determination proved unwavering. Through sheer grit and the support of newfound allies in the industry, she navigated through the rough patches, emerging stronger and more resilient than ever.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, ONE HOME AT A TIME

For Kathy, success isn't just about closing deals; it's about fostering genuine connections with her clients and team members. "Our tagline is 'Building Relationships One Home At A Time," she explains. "Showing clients that the base of our business is creating relationships - we are in a relationship business!"

Her dedication to service and integrity has borne fruit, reflected in the strong bonds she shares with her clientele. "I am very driven by my desire to serve and assist my clients," Kathy emphasizes. "It's very important to have everything move smoothly, and with the right people to support their purchase or sale, we can accomplish that." This is just one reason she gets so much repeat business. She has several clients that has done multiple transactions with her!

A LIFE BEYOND REAL ESTATE

Outside the world of property transactions, Kathy finds solace in the simple joys of life. "I love the beach, seeing local shows, exploring the area," she shares, as her eyes alight with enthusiasm. "There's so much to see and do here."

But perhaps what sets Kathy apart is the dichotomy between her professional prowess and her innate introversion. "As much as I love working with people, I am very much an introvert," she reveals with a chuckle. "I guess that's a good thing; I listen more than I talk."



LEGACY AND BEYOND

Kathy shares, "I'm passionate about my business and my clients," she states. "I love guiding them and making sure that they reach their goals."

This dedication to people and to building relationships has also revealed itself in other ways. Kathy explains, "As my business continues to grow, I have embarked on the new journey of building a team, it brings me a lot of joy to welcome aboard the first two members, who I got to know as clients first but are with me as trusted allies in this exciting venture."

In the realm of real estate, Kathy Dulhagen isn't just a name; she's a testament to resilience, integrity, and the transformative power of genuine relationships. As she continues to pave the way for others in the industry, her legacy of service and dedication shines brighter than ever before. She lives by the mantra "People over Profits."

In closing, Kathy leaves us with a timeless reminder: "Be grateful every day, don't ever take anything for granted." With her unwavering gratitude and boundless determination, Kathy Dulhagen continues to inspire and uplift all those she encounters, leaving an indelible mark on the world of real estate and beyond.

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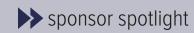


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D.R. Horton enjoys being known as the nation's premier homebuilder. With a passion for excellence and a dedication to making dreams come true, Monica Carter, Division Vice President of City Operations, as well as Broker in Charge, graciously shares her journey, insights, and the secrets behind D.R. Horton's success. Devon Lloyd is the Division President. Included in this D.R. Horton Leadership team is John Heter-DVP of Land and Jeremy Crews, **Operations Manager.**







Devon Lloyd, Division President City Operations & Monica Carter, Division VP

Building Dreams Since 1978

Since its inception in Ft. Worth, Texas, in 1978 by Mr. Horton himself, D.R. Horton has been a beacon of quality and affordability in the housing market. He is still very active in the company, and loves to keep his finger on the pulse. Monica proudly shares, "We've held the title of the number one builder in the country since 2002, and locally, we've helped over 25,000 families achieve the American Dream of homeownership since 1998. With over 25 communities to choose from and approximately 175 employees on our team, D.R. Horton's impact in Horry, Georgetown, and Brunswick Counties is undeniable. Plus, our reach extends even further through our many vendors and trade partners."

A Legacy of Quality and Affordability

What sets D.R. Horton apart from the rest? Monica explains, "From our first home built in 1978 to over a million homes by 2023, our goal remains the same—to deliver quality and

affordability across the country." With a commitment to personalized service and premium construction, D.R. Horton ensures that every homebuyer finds their perfect match, from firsttime homeowners to empty nesters.

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Monica states, "Home ownership has always been the American Dream. We realize there are many factors making it harder for Americans to realize that dream in today's world. I'm proud to work for a company that has the ability to pivot and offer wonderful incentives and programs to make home ownership more affordable."

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Family First

Beyond the boardroom, Monica's heart lies with her own family. She shares, "I have been married to Gene Carter (also a REALTOR®) for almost 24 years. We are proud parents to two amazing young men; Noah is currently attending CCU and Jonah will graduate from AAST this spring." With their furry companions, Sara the dog and Kiwi the cat, Monica and Gene cherish their family time and the bonds that keep them strong.

Loves to Travel, But There is No Place Like Home!

Monica continues, "Traveling feeds my soul. I love discovering new places and going back to visit old favorites. Seeing other parts of the country and the world helps stretch my ideas and challenges my beliefs in a way that few other things can."

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What does Monica love most about the Grand Strand area? "It's the diversity-the history of Conway, the Marsh walk in Murrells Inlet, the shag culture in North Myrtle. Even after all these years, there's always something new to discover." Monica's appreciation for the local culture and landscape is evident, reflecting her deep connection to the community she serves.

For Monica, success is not just about professional achievements but also about personal fulfillment. "Success is a healthy, happy family, good friends, and a good glass of bourbon!" But what truly matters to Monica is leaving a legacy of kindness—a giver rather than a taker. And here is an

interesting tidbit: Monica originally pursued art history but found her true calling in real estate.

Looking to the Future

As the real estate landscape evolves, Monica remains steadfast in her commitment to providing top-notch service to her customers. "While the internet provides a wealth of information, nothing beats the guidance of knowledgeable experts. We're grateful for the support of buyer's agents and strive to make the home buying process as seamless as possible." With her eye on the horizon, Monica is excited to see what the

future holds for D.R. Horton and the families they serve.

In conclusion, Monica Carter is more than just a partner at D.R. Hortonshe's a visionary, a leader, and a friend to all who cross her path. Her passion for excellence, dedication to family, and commitment to kindness set her apart in the world of real estate. As Monica continues to lead D.R. Horton to build dreams and make a difference, we can't help but feel inspired by her remarkable journey. Here's to Monica and their Leadership team, D.R. Horton, and the countless families whose lives they have touched along the way.









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"The most rewarding part of what I do is a combination of satisfaction and relationships. The satisfaction of assisting individuals or families in achieving their housing goals is most rewarding to me but the ability to connect with people, understand their needs, and guide them through a significant life decision is also fulfilling."

A Rewarding Path

As Neil came of age, he attended and graduated from the University of South Carolina, where he met Alison, the lady who would become his wife.



While he was there, he also played collegiate baseball at first and third base.

As he says, "It was a great experience there. Baseball gave me a great competitive environment, and it taught me a lot of important lessons that I've taken with me through time, including time management, working with others and responsibility."

Neil started his real estate journey in 2007 after he wrapped up his collegiate career. "I was always interested in real estate and different housing styles. It led me to choose working in real estate as my internship choice," he remembers.

"I chose real estate because it allows me to fulfill my entrepreneurial spirit, along with giving me the ability to build my own business and brand. For me, it's the satisfaction of serving helping people facilitate such significant life events for people."

Results Through Resilience

Like most who enter the business, Neil encountered a learning curve and challenges. Those were accentuated by the economic downturn of the late 2000s. Yet Neil powered ahead and found success.

"The events from 2007 and subsequent years shaped me just as much





Leading the Way Ahead As Neil reflects on his growing success, he offers helpful advice for others who are getting their own start in the business.

"I always recommend that people be calm, curious and confident. Also, do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Neil says. "Whether in our personal or business lives, this concept provides a clear direction in any setting."

Those who know and work with Neil appreciate the fact that they can trust him to have their best interests in mind. In fact, he is one of just a few agents in the area who are endorsed by personal finance expert Dave Ramsey.

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as it did the real estate landscape. Business was not easy, as the time and the lessons I learned have molded me into the REALTOR® I am today," Neil says.

"I came into this business at the bottom, and it's taught me many lessons. I have learned not to take for granted a single call or client. I have a heightened focus that this occupation is more than a full-time job. I know that communication and transparency are key and not to be overlooked."

Family Fulfillment

Away from work, life is made much richer for Neil by his family, including his wife of 14 years, Alison, and their two daughters—10-year-old, Quinn; and 7-year-old Meyer.

In their free time, Neil and his family enjoy time with their labradoodle, Miles. They also like to get out on the boat ... fishing, hiking and spending time outdoors.

"Alison likes to exercise and spend time with the kids and dog. She's also a very good cook. The girls both are active in recreational sports in the community," he says. "They continue to make us proud by excelling in school." Neil also has a passion for basketball. He's a huge fan of the Indiana Hoosiers.

When it comes to giving back, Neil and his family are engaged in their church, Our Lady of the Ransom Catholic Church. They are also involved with local recreational sports.



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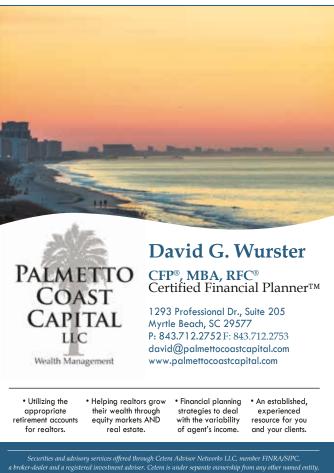
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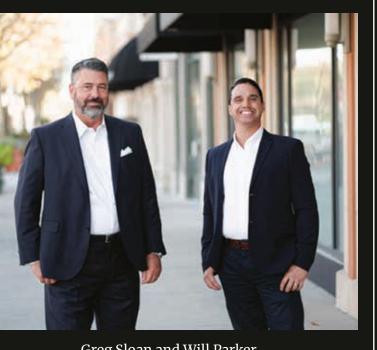


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