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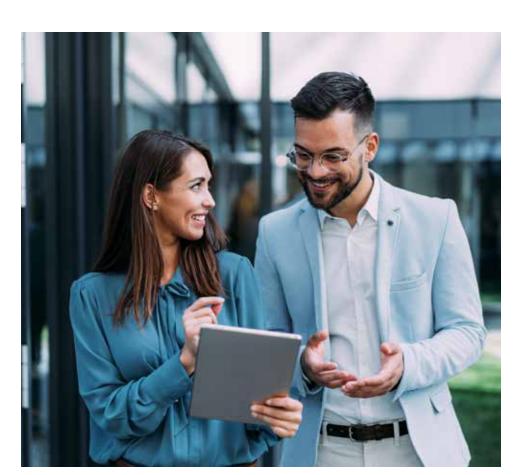
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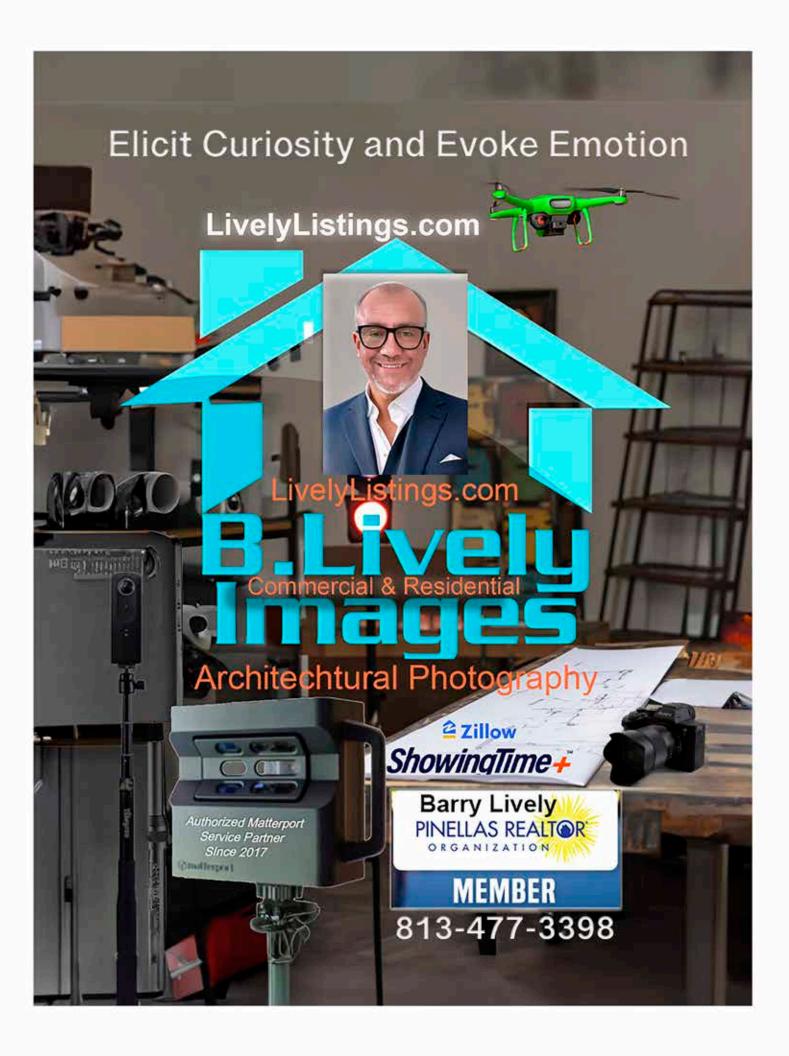
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CHASE WALSETH

A Journey from Snowy Fargo to Sunny Florida's Real Estate Success

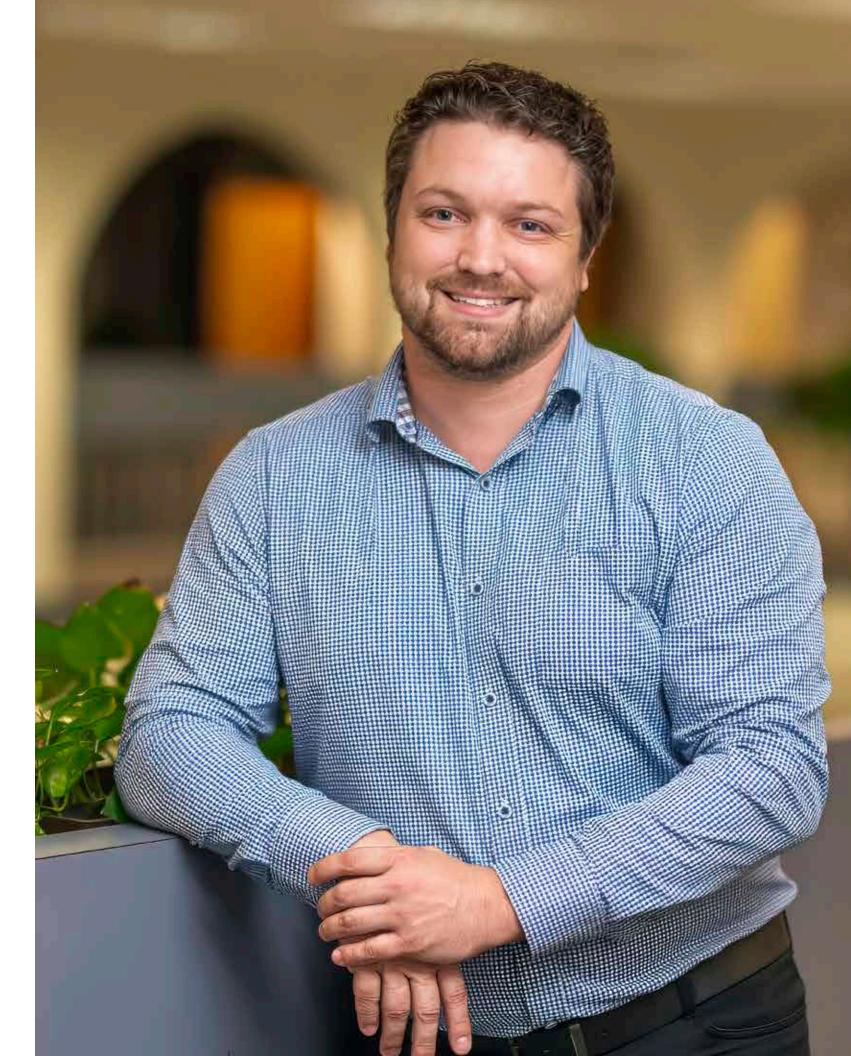
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In real estate, success often hinges on a combination of hard work, perseverance, and a genuine passion for helping others. Chase Walseth, the Director of Growth and Training at the Walseth and Lockhart Teams, embodies these qualities as he leads his team across four locations in the vibrant area of Pinellas County, Florida. But Chase's journey to real estate success didn't begin in the Sunshine State—it started amidst the snowdrifts of Fargo, North Dakota.

Chase's story is one of unexpected turns and unwavering determination. Growing up in a region known for its harsh winters, he never imagined he would one day find himself basking in the Florida sun. Yet, after visiting his parents in Florida, during the holidays, Chase found himself drawn to the warmth and beauty of the Gulf Coast.

"I arrived home to 27 inches of snow and below zero temperatures," he recalls. He had to jumpstart his car







and decided to make the move to the Sunshine State. He decided to leave behind the frigid temperatures of North Dakota and embark on a new chapter in Florida.

"We were known as the 'Worst Weather City' for nine out of 10 years," jokes Chase, in reference to Fargo. "That's not an award that you want to win." Bad weather is what Fargo is known for. Don't be fooled by the movie or the series. "That's not quite what it is," says Chase. He found a better way of life and doesn't miss the cold one bit.

"I loaded up everything in a Uhaul and drove down here in three days," he says. He was ready to embrace Florida and everything that it had to offer this go-getter.

"I bought a house that was a short sale," he recalls. He purchased it sight unseen. "It had a hole in the roof and you can see right through. It was either a natural skylight or a water feature depending on the day," he jokes. However, Chase was up for the challenge. He fixed houses in North Dakota and did some repairs to his home.

Making His Mark

After arriving in Florida, Chase initially focused on renovating properties.

Soon he followed in the footsteps of his father, Troy, who had been a real estate agent for two decades. Inspired by a desire to build something more than just a job, Chase joined forces with his father to establish the Walseth and Lockhart Teams.

At first, Troy thought Chase was just joking when he wanted to join his team. However, he soon welcomed him with open arms and their business has grown since its inception.

From its humble beginnings, the team has grown into a formidable presence in the Pinellas County real estate market, closing about \$100 million dollars and 200 transactions annually. Chase's personal success as a top producer, with \$19 million in sales last year alone,



is a testament to his dedication and expertise in the field.

But Chase's role extends beyond just selling properties. As the Director of Growth and Training, he is committed to nurturing talent within his team and empowering them to achieve their full potential. He also excels in sales and working with clients to find the home of their dreams with his authentic, down-to-earth nature that resonates with his clients.

Chase also credits his mother Teri for her hand in the business. "My Mom and I are the implementors," he comments. "She runs all the stuff behind the scenes." He wants to make sure that she gets the credit that she deserves. "She does a lot of the training and implementation of our systems and processes. She also does the hiring, firing, conflict resolution, and deals with the budget and the books." Not to mention client appreciation events. "She's the engine that makes the machine run," he adds.



Real Estate = A Passion

"I love real estate," says Chase. "It's very rewarding, very fun and a new challenge every single day."

For Chase, real estate isn't just a career it's a passion that fuels him. Even after a decade in the industry, he finds excitement in the unique challenges and opportunities that each transaction presents. From helping clients relocate to Florida to assisting investors in finding lucrative opportunities, Chase thrives on making a difference in people's lives.

One of the secrets to Chase's success lies in his unwavering commitment to

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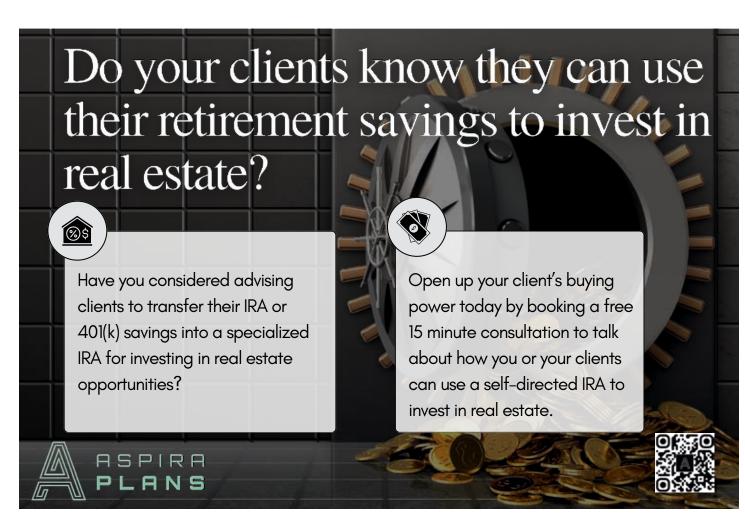
building long-term relationships. He understands that trust and loyalty are the cornerstones of his business, and he goes above and beyond to exceed his clients' expectations. Whether it takes months or years, Chase is dedicated to helping his clients achieve their real estate goals with integrity and professionalism.

Outside Interests

Outside of work, Chase finds joy in spending time with his family, including his fiancée Zerina and their energetic eight-year-old daughter Rosie. From attending Rosie's activities to enjoying weekend getaways exploring the culture of St. Petersburg and Tampa, Chase cherishes every moment spent with his loved ones. Whether brewery hopping or seeing Broadway plays, there is always something for him to do.

Final Thoughts

As Chase Walseth continues to make his mark in the competitive world of real estate, his journey serves as a reminder that with passion, perseverance, and a genuine desire to serve others, anything is possible. From snowy Fargo to sunny Florida, Chase's story is about the transformative power of following your dreams and embracing new opportunities with open arms.





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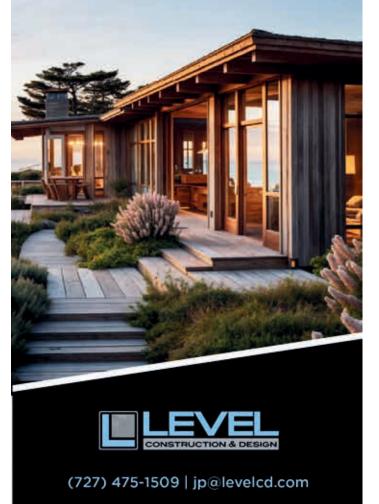
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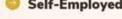
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Heidi Odio

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS WITH EXCEPTIONAL CLIENT CARE

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Born in Hartford, Connecticut, and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Heidi Odio's journey to real estate excellence has been anything but ordinary. A Boston College alumna with a degree in business administration, Heidi's path took her from executive recruiting to becoming a top real estate agent in Tampa, Florida. Her unique background and passion for client care set her apart in the competitive world of real estate.

From Connecticut to Clearwater

Heidi's life has been a series of relocations and new beginnings. At age three, she

moved from Connecticut to Atlanta, where she grew up. Her father, an architect, and her mother, originally from Connecticut, influenced her deeply. After college, Heidi married in 2004 and relocated to Florida when her husband, Alex, pursued a master's in real estate development at the University of Florida. The couple briefly lived in Gainesville before settling in Clearwater in May 2005, when Alex secured a job in the Tampa Bay area.

Transitioning to Real Estate

For ten years, Heidi worked in executive recruiting, helping people find the







right jobs and negotiate employment contracts. After a decade at home raising her children and living abroad in Costa Rica, where her husband managed corporate operations, Heidi decided to pivot her career upon returning to the Tampa area. She and Alex, along with his brother, bought a piece of land to develop. This venture inspired Heidi to get her real estate license in 2015, initially to sell the townhouses they were developing.

Heidi quickly found success in the single-family home market in South Tampa, leveraging her network and dedication. "The hardest part in real estate is growing your client base," she admits. Yet, Heidi excelled, securing some of the highest listings in the Tampa market in recent years.

Now Heidi's connections extend beyond Tampa. She partners with a developer in Costa Rica, focusing on

special development projects and vacation homes. "Many people go there to vacation, and I can offer that service," she says, utilizing her personal knowledge of the community.

At Compass Florida, Heidi leads a team supported by a marketing director, executive assistant, and the extensive resources of Compass, including a public relations department that has featured her in the Wall Street Journal. Her team's growth speaks volumes of her leadership and dedication.

Real Estate Is In Her Blood

Real estate runs in Heidi's family. Growing up with a father who was an architect, Heidi's comfort with floor plans and design is second nature. She loves being in homes, out in the community, and networking. "All that is a source of joy. I love helping people get to their next step," she shares.

Her grandmother was a real estate agent. Today her brother, a general contractor, has relocated to Tampa, and her mother recently retired from an executive advancement role in higher education to join Heidi's

Secrets to Success

team as a full-time agent.

Heidi's success lies in her authenticity, sharing information, and educating clients through the process. She emphasizes delegation and creating systems to keep

exceed expectations in the Tampa Bay real estate market, driven by her exceptional client care, strategic approach, and passion for homes and community. As she looks to expand her team and explore new opportunities, Heidi remains committed to helping her clients achieve their real estate dreams with integrity and dedication.



things simple. "I always ask myself, is this something I can delegate, or do I need to do this? What am I absolutely fantastic at? If I am not fantastic at it, I find someone who is," she says. This approach ensures her team delivers 110 percent.

Family Life

Celebrating her 20th wedding anniversary with Alex on New Year's Eve, Heidi is a proud mother of four children: Daniel (17), Anthony (16), Gabriel (14), and Lucia (11). Alex works in the citrus industry and global industrial sales. As a family, they love spending time on the water. "We have a boat, and that is a great source of joy. It's my favorite way to relax," she says, appreciating the beauty around them.

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Albania. Although he was established in his career, Piro had always dreamed of moving to America for the opportunities it could offer his family.

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A New Beginning in America

Like many immigrants, Piro's first steps in the United States were challenging. Despite holding a degree and being fluent in several languages, he didn't speak English. However, that didn't stop him. Piro attended college classes to learn the English language, after that, he obtained his American educational credentials and began working as a middle school math teacher, drawn to the universal language of math.

"I loved my education career here," he says. "But after three years, I was introduced to real estate."

While searching for his first home in Florida, Piro discovered a passion for real estate. The process of finding and purchasing his home fascinated him, and soon after, he decided to pursue real estate as a part-time career while still teaching.

"It wasn't easy for me at first. I had to pay bills and take care of my family, so I couldn't sacrifice my teaching job," he shares. However, his drive and dedication paid off. After three





and a half years of balancing both professions, Piro transitioned to real estate full-time.

Building Success in Real EstatePiro's success in real estate didn't
happen overnight. He began by serving
his community, particularly the

Albanian population in Florida, helping fellow immigrants navigate the homebuying process in a new country.

"What I liked about real estate was that I could connect with people from different countries. Most of my clients were not informed about the real estate

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process, so I worked hard to explain everything in detail."

His knowledge of the challenges faced by immigrant families, especially those from Albania, gave him a unique advantage. "I know their problems unemployment, finding schools for their kids, relocating, investing. I'm glad I was able to help these families start a new life here."

Over time, Piro's business flourished. He developed strong relationships within the Albanian community, guiding them through buying and selling properties. His expertise and willingness to assist others built his reputation and allowed him to thrive.

A Passion for Problem Solving

With a background in physics, Piro brings a methodical, problem-solving approach to real estate. "Physics taught me how to be an open book learner, how to adapt to new situations, and how to be precise in solving problems," he explains. These skills proved invaluable when working with clients, allowing him to provide solutions tailored to their needs.

During his career, Piro has worked with various real estate companies. He started with Coldwell Banker but later moved to smaller companies. In the aftermath of the 2010 real estate crash, Piro obtained his mortgage broker license and worked closely with banks to sell REO properties. His adaptability kept him afloat during tough economic times.

A Family Business

In 2015, Piro's son Aris, a finance graduate, joined him in the real estate business, bringing fresh and innovative ideas to the business. Together, they expanded their services by further real estate investing and positioning themselves a step ahead of the competition.

"Having my son in the business sent it to the next level," Piro says proudly. The Poloska Team now includes four other real estate agents, and Piro's passion for mentoring and teaching continues as he guides new agents to success.



Piro has received his Real Estate Achievement as an official winner of the Top 5% Nationwide Realtors Award for 2021, based on transactional volume. It's a testament to his hard work, resilience, and ability to thrive in a competitive industry.

Giving Back to the Community

Beyond real estate, Piro is committed to making a difference in the Albanian community. He serves on the board of The Pan-Albanian Federation of America "Vatra" for Tampa Bay, helping fund Albanian schools and providing financial support to families in need. His contributions have made a lasting impact on those around him.

A Grateful Journey

Looking back on his journey, Piro expresses gratitude for the opportunities he's had in America. "Regardless of the challenges and obstacles I have to face, I never regret coming to America and starting our new life here. I'm very thankful for the true opportunities we've found."



Today, his children are pursuing their own successful careers—his son is in finance, and his daughter, Tea, is an internal medicine doctor at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Piro's wife Ariana, an Albanian literature teacher, also embraced new opportunities, becoming a preschool education teacher and later starting her own business in that field.

"I know how important it was for me to get a new house for my family in this country," Piro reflects. "It's the same for my clients. I understand their dreams because I've lived it myself."
Piro Poloska's journey from Albania to America is a powerful reminder of the resilience and determination needed to pursue one's dreams, no matter the challenges. His passion for real estate, deep connection with his clients, and unwavering belief in the American dream have made him a trusted and successful agent, impacting the lives of countless families along the way.



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Bunalara

Guiding Real Estate Success with Heart & Determination



WRITTEN BY ELIZABETH MCCABE

From her early days in Turkey to becoming a prominent real estate team leader in Florida, Damla Burnukara's journey speaks volumes of her resilience, passion, and dedication. As the Team Leader of the Elite Choice Home Group at Future Home Realty, she seamlessly blends her background in psychology with her real estate expertise to create an environment where her team and clients thrive.

A Journey
Across Continents
Born and raised in Turkey,
Damla's path to real estate
was anything but linear.
At the age of 15, she
moved with her parents
to Connecticut, where she
completed her high school
and college education,
studying sociology and
psychology. This foundation
in understanding human
behavior would later prove
invaluable in her real estate

career. After college, Damla returned to Istanbul and spent eight years working as a child psychologist, helping children and parents navigate their challenges. Damla also got married before a new chapter awaited her.

Embracing a New Dream in the U.S.
In 2015, Damla's life took another significant turn when she won the Green



Starting with Keller Williams (KW), Damla had no budget for advertising and knew no one in the Tampa Bay area. She began her real estate journey the hard way-door-knocking. Her perseverance paid off, closing 15 transactions in her first year and 25 in her second. Her dedication and success caught the attention of her peers, and she was invited to lead an extension team at KW. Though the initial attempt didn't pan out, Damla's leadership potential was undeniable.

Building Elite Choice Home Group In 2018, Damla founded the Elite Choice Home Group, initially as a small team of five within KW. Their success was swift, prompting a move to Future Home Realty. Today, the team has grown to eight agents, closing 150 transactions annually and generating \$35 million in sales. Their excellence was recognized when they made it to the REAL Trends list, ranking 79th in Florida.

Damla attributes much of her success to her psychology background, which helps her understand and support her team's strengths. She emphasizes playing to each agent's strengths, whether it's door-knocking, hosting open houses, or other strategies. This personalized approach has created a family-like atmosphere within the team, fostering both professional and personal growth.

A Personal Touch in Professional Success
Damla's leadership style is characterized by her personable nature and genuine care for her clients and team members. She believes in guiding clients through every step of the transaction, likening it to holding a hand during therapy. This com-

Card lottery. Fueled by a long-held dream of living in Florida, inspired by a memorable vacation in Clearwater, she and her family relocated to Tampa. Determined to pursue a career she was passionate about, Damla decided to venture into real estate, leaving her psychology career behind.

"I wanted to do what I wanted to do," she says. Instead of psychology, she wanted to pursue her heart's desire for real estate. With her drive and determination, Damla quickly found her footing and excelled.







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mitment to service, rather than just business, has built a strong referral-based clientele. She ensures her team's success by passing on leads from online sources and postcards to them, focusing herself on her sphere of influence and referrals.

"I love what I do," smiles Damla. She can't imagine another career besides real estate.

Overcoming Challenges and Building a Future The journey wasn't without obstacles. When the family first moved to the U.S., her husband's business did not flourish as expected, pushing Damla to succeed in real estate. "I had no other choice; I had to make this work, no matter what.
And I did," she reflects.
Her husband's subsequent shift to real estate and their collaborative efforts in fixand-flip projects have further solidified their success.



Outside of work, Damla cherishes time with her family, including her son and their cat. They love traveling, especially to Europe, and exploring different cultures. Whether it's attending concerts or cooking together, these moments of connection recharge her for the demands of her career.

Looking Ahead Damla Burnukara's story is inspirational. From her early days in Turkey to leading a top-performing real estate team in Florida, she exemplifies what it means to pursue one's dreams with unwavering dedication. Her unique blend of psychological insight and real estate acumen continues to inspire her team and provide exceptional service to her clients, making her a standout leader in the industry.







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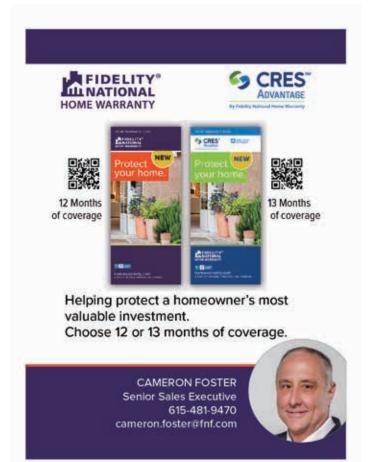


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These are just a handful of positive reviews for A Radiant Property Inspection in St. Pete. With over 1213 reviews and 4.9 stars, they've established themselves in the community since their inception 8 years ago.

A Customer-Centric Focus "We are not a home

inspection company; we are a customer-service company that specializes in home inspections," says Hank Lobbell, owner of A Radiant Property Inspection, along with his wife Mary Lobbell. From the first phone call to the final report, Radiant's focus is on exceeding customer expectations. Hank shares, "Every interaction, from answering the phone with a cheerful 'How can I make your day radiant?' to providing detailed followups, is designed with the customer in mind."



What truly sets Radiant apart is their values-driven culture. Hank hires team members who align with the company's ethos of integrity, optimism, and dedication. "We fight for others' greatness more than we fight for their limitations," he explains. Radiant's team embraces challenges with gratitude and believes in constant growth. "We operate in a spirit of abundance, gratitude, and belief that all things are possible."

A Team of Experts

Radiant has grown from a small team to nine inspectors, including five Certified Master Inspectors. "When hiring, we prioritize values and culture over technical skills," Hank explains. "We can train skills, but we want people with the right attitude who genuinely care about our clients." This approach has been instrumental in Radiant's success.

Mary, who works part-time and is easing into retirement, is another key member of the team. "Mary lights up every room she enters with her smile," Hank shares. "Her role is to keep me on track and ensure we're staying focused on our vision."

Comprehensive Services

Radiant simplifies the inspection process for real estate professionals and homeowners by offering a wide range of services. from traditional home inspections to specialized services like radon testing, pest inspections, and roof certifications. They even launched their own pest control company, Glow Pest Solutions, to provide seamless termite inspections without relying on thirdparty vendors.

Uniquely, Radiant also offers in-water dock and seawall inspections, a rare service in Tampa Bay. "One of our inspectors is scuba-certified," says Hank. "We're the only

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company in the area offering these services."

Beyond inspections, Radiant is committed to education. "We love giving back to real estate agents and clients through classes and training," Hank notes. "Educating others is a key part of our mission."

Leading with Vision

As Chief Visionary Officer, Hank focuses on growing the company and mentoring other inspection businesses through his role as a coach with Inspector Empire Builder (IEB). "I help inspection companies across the U.S. grow and succeed," he shares. Radiant has even expanded internationally, opening a branch office in Aruba last year.

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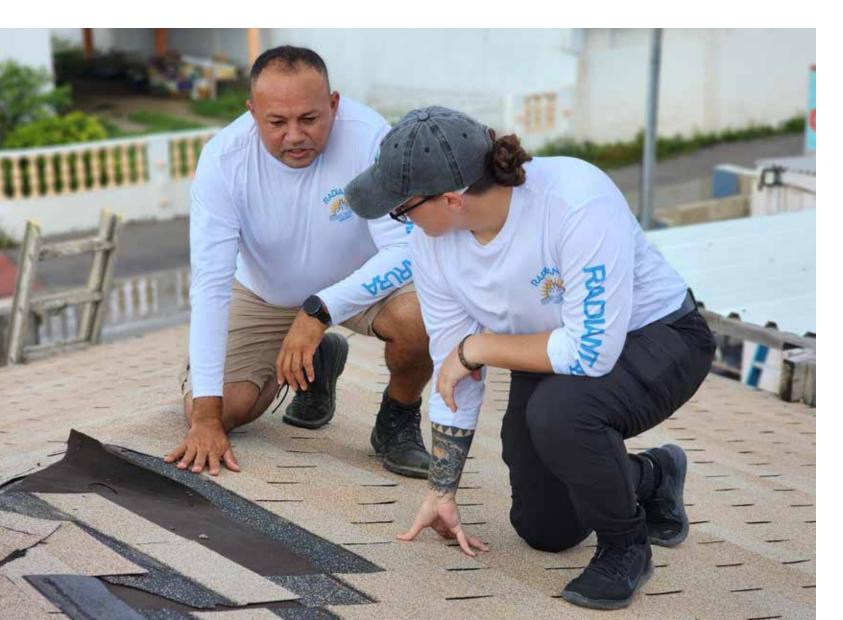
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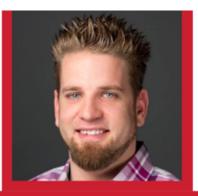
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From Working at First Watch to Watching Deals Move to the Closing Table!

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There are no shortcuts to success in real estate, and Collette Joy (CJ) Seitz embodies this principle through her persistence, persistence, and hard work.

CJ Seitz's story is a compelling one, marked by a significant career shift that saw her move from serving tables and opening restaurants to closing real estate deals. Born in Chicago and moving to Palm Harbor at the age of three, CJ attended the University of South Florida, where she majored in Mass Communications with a focus on Marketing. Her early professional life was spent in the service industry, where she worked as a server and bartender at various restaurants for ten years. Her service experience included working at First Watch, where she was a server and was promoted to a NRO (New Restaurant Opener). This experience, she believes, was instrumental in her real estate career. "Being a server helped me in real estate. It taught me how to talk to people and deliver a high level of service," she shares.

While CJ was content in her role at First Watch, her aspirations extended beyond the restaurant industry. "My mom called it the 'golden handcuffs'—coming home with cash every day, but there was no more room to grow. I wanted more." This desire for growth led her to create a business in rental arbitrage, setting up plans to rent properties for Airbnb, which she managed and profited from. This entrepreneurial endeavor sparked an interest in real estate.

The turning point came when CJ attended a networking event. "I met



with a broker who suggested I get my license. It would open up new doors," she recalls. Initially hesitant, she finally decided to pursue her real estate license, a decision she made while reflecting on a paddleboard trip. "I thought, why not? I got my license in April 2023, and passed on the first try."

Her entry into the real estate industry was not without its challenges.
Originally planning to work with the broker she met at the networking event, CJ found their visions did not align. She then joined Team Borham with eXp Realty, where she received invaluable training. "I thought it was going to be

easy—just list homes—but it was a process. I had to start planning out my days, time blocking, and a lot was trial and error."

CJ's commitment to generating her own business, rather than relying on team leads, proved crucial. "I focused on one thing—calling for sale by owners. I learned scripts, got a lot of appointments, and that's where my business started." Her persistence paid off as she began converting leads and building her client base.

Recently, CJ made a significant transition to Engel & Volkers Tampa Downtown. "I wanted to expand and grow my business and build my own team. This new brokerage allows me to build myself and my brand," she explains.

Personal Pursuits

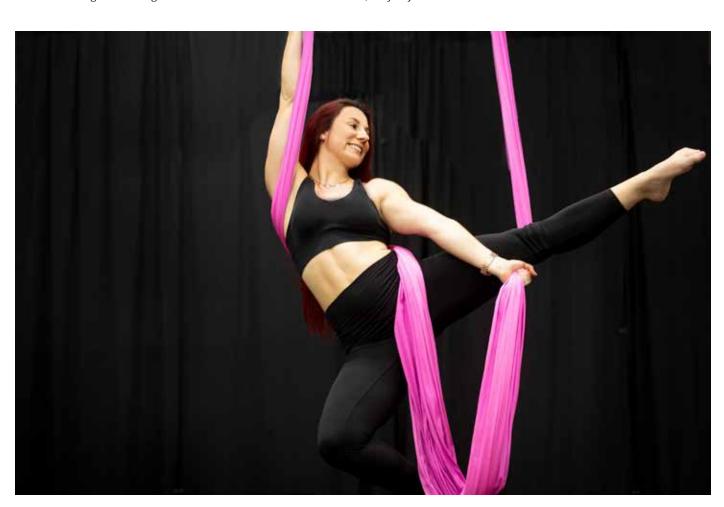
Beyond real estate, CJ is passionate about aerial arts, a discipline she discovered while attending USF through Facebook.

She shares, "I saw that aerial classes were 20 minutes from my apartment." She's been doing silks ever since. CJ has been practicing aerial arts for eight years and is also an instructor at a local studio in Downtown Tampa.

"It's my escape," she shares. No matter what is going on in real estate, CJ can ascend in silks, work on flips, and let the care of life vanish. It isn't easy, but she makes challenging moves look simple.

In her personal life, CJ is engaged to Ben, whom she met while working at a restaurant—she was a bartender, and he was a pizza cook. "Ben has helped me so much through this process and we have both come so far from the restaurant we met at," says CJ. "He

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began his entrepreneurial journey in direct sales to eventually building and growing multiple sales teams with Solar and Roofing. We've held each other accountable and continue to help each other become better." Their goal is to purchase a home by November 2025, and they are excited about what the future holds for them.

CJ's dedication extends to her community involvement. She is actively involved in Meals on Wheels, a charity close to her heart.

What's Next?

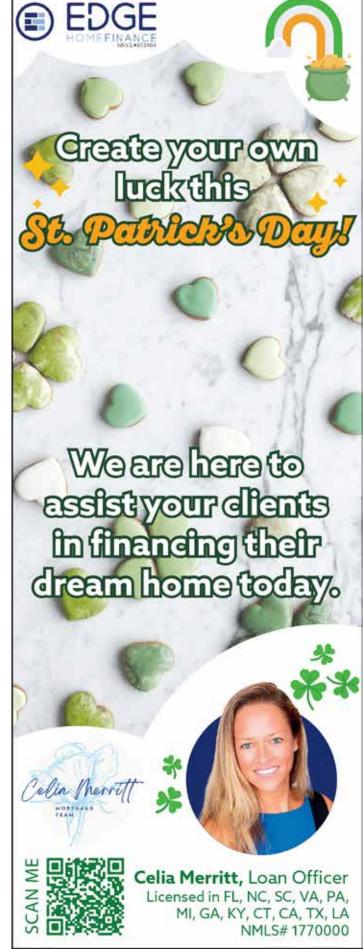
Reflecting on her journey, CJ attributes her success to consistency and time blocking. "My calendar is insane. You do the same things every day. It's boring, but being consistent is the biggest thing," she admits. However, consistency pays off for this Rising Star.

What's next for CJ? Looking ahead, CJ is focused on selling 20 homes a year and aims to grow her own team. "I love helping people. When I was a server, I trained others, and I want to continue that in real estate," she comments.

From serving others in the hospitality industry to serving her clients in real estate, CJ is an inspiration. Finding her passion and purpose in real estate has been a gamechanger for this Rising Star!











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"Like it or not... You are in business, so you are in politics"



BY TIM WEISHEYER, 2025 PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA REALTORS®

As the Florida Realtors® Leadership Team engages with members across the state we sometimes speak with members that are not aware just how much legislation is filed each year that could directly—and dramatically impact their businesses, their livelihoods and their ability to succeed as an entrepreneur.

Whether it has been defeating sales taxes being levied against your real estate commissions, fighting rent control measures, protecting licensing laws, addressing insurance fraud, tackling the negative impacts of assignment of benefits or having real estate services deemed an essential service during the global pandemic so we could continue to do our important work as Realtors®, our association has stood as a sentry for our well-being and success as real estate professionals.

As a top producer, you know better than anyone just how much is at stake and how hard you have worked to create your success and your version of the American Dream. What you may not know is how much your state association, Florida Realtors®, values your involvement in protecting your business, our profession, and the economic success of our great state.

As a business owner, you bring an incredibly important voice and perspective to our work in city hall, commission and school board chambers and certainly in Tallahassee. Even more so, our unified voice as 'The

Voice for Real Estate in Florida' is the strength that protects you, me and the countless buyers and sellers we have the honor of serving.

It has been said people often do not get involved simply because they have not been asked or invited. So, this is my personal and sincere invitation for you to join us in this important work. I welcome you to join me, the Florida Realtors® Leadership Team and Realtor® members from across Florida as we gather in Tallahassee for Great American Realtor® Days on March 4-6, 2025. This gathering of some of the smartest and most successful real estate professionals at our state capital is where we bring your voice to lawmakers and regulators on issues important to you and your business.

Florida has a 60-day legislative session and it moves fast, but this session is already gearing up to be impactful. As bills are being drafted and filed, we already know we will be addressing issues from insurance and condominium reforms to taxes on commercial leases, private property rights and so much more.

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By the age of 24, Tim was a multimillion dollar producer and had become known for delivering excellence in every real estate transaction he was a part of. He quickly became a trusted resource for buyers and sellers throughout Central Florida and a sought-after thought leader and speaker on real estate matters across the United States.

Tim has many awards and appointments to attest to his success as a leader, businessman, and real estate professional, Additionally, Tim Association of REALTORS® Hall of Fame. He is the youngest member ever inducted from his association and part of an elite group of REALTORS® from across the United States to earn such an honor, placing him in the top 1% of all REALTORS® nationwide









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ENSURING SMOOTH TRANSACTIONS

BY DAVE DANIELSON

IN THE FAST-PACED WORLD OF REAL ESTATE, ONE CRUCIAL ELEMENT THAT UNDERPINS EVERY SUCCESSFUL TRANSACTION IS THE PAPERWORK THAT LEADS TO THE CLOSING TABLE. NAVIGATING THE COMPLEX AND OFTEN TIME-SENSITIVE PROCESS OF CLOSING REQUIRES A TRUSTED PARTNER WHO CAN HANDLE THE INTRICATE DETAILS AND UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES. THAT PARTNER IS CALVIN DARVILLE AND HIS TEAM AT COMFORTABLE CLOSINGS.

Passion and Expertise at Work

Calvin Darville's commitment to his clients is evident in every interaction. As the owner of Comfortable Closings, Calvin specializes in mobile and remote notarization services, bringing his expertise and passion for problem-solving to every deal.

"One of the most rewarding parts of what we do is stepping up to the challenge for those we serve," Calvin explains. "Many people don't realize the complexity of what goes into making a closing happen. There are so many moving parts, and people can be anywhere at any time. But we go the extra

mile, whether it's handling rush jobs or performing remote online notarization."

A Nationwide Network That Delivers Results

Under Calvin's leadership, Comfortable Closings has grown into a well-oiled operation. His team, along with a vast network of notaries stretching from coast to coast, now handles over 1,000 closings every month. With a team that can tackle any situation—whether it's a last-minute request or a remote closing—Comfortable Closings has become the go-to resource for notary services in real estate.

A Unique Path to Real Estate

Calvin's journey into the world of mobile notary services was anything but conventional. After completing high school, Calvin played college football for Florida A&M University, where he aspired to a career in the NFL. But his dreams were interrupted during his senior year by an Achilles tendon injury.

"As I looked ahead, I started picking up side jobs in construction. Eventually, I came across real estate wholesaling and did that for a year," Calvin shares. "I'd listen to podcasts about real estate, and that's when I first heard about mobile notary services in the real estate industry."

This new interest led Calvin to dive into the notary business, where he quickly made a name for himself in the Tampa area. He initially handled over 100 closings a month by himself, and it didn't take long before he realized the potential to help clients across the country and beyond.

"Once I saw the need for a mobile notary service that could work with clients anywhere, I knew we were onto something," Calvin says. "It made sense for clients in New York, for example, to sign their documents locally instead of traveling to Tampa for closing. We could arrange for a notary to handle their paperwork right there."

Unyielding Commitment to Service

The cornerstone of Calvin's business is his relentless commitment to making each transaction as smooth as possible. He and his team are known for their unwavering dedication to getting the job done, no matter how complicated or urgent the task may be.

"Our partners know that when they contact us, we'll do whatever it takes to get the job done," Calvin explains. "We're not just about the easy transactions—we'll tackle any challenge, even if it means navigating international closings or working through complicated documents. If there's a way to make it happen, we'll find it."

A Supportive Team and Strong Family Values

Behind Calvin's success is a team of dedicated individuals, including his Operations Director and family member, Andre Snead. "Andre is essential to the team. He helps keep everything running smoothly," Calvin says with pride.

Calvin also credits his mother, Sabrina Darville, for her early involvement in the business. "In the beginning, my mom was the one who helped me transition from running things solo to building the business. Everything I do is for her."

Away from work, Calvin cherishes time spent with his girlfriend, Skylar Johnson, and enjoys staying active. He makes a point to work out daily and enjoys fishing whenever he can find the time.

Looking Toward the Future

As Calvin reflects on his journey, he emphasizes his ongoing commitment to providing the best possible experience for his clients and partners. His approach is simple yet effective: focus on solving problems and providing value, and success will follow.

"It's incredibly rewarding when clients and partners recognize the care we put into every transaction," Calvin says. "When you prioritize helping others and providing real value, success comes naturally."

Looking to the future, Calvin remains focused on maintaining the same level of service that has helped Comfortable Closings grow into a trusted partner in the industry. "When you need a partner who will go the extra mile to ensure a smooth closing, you can count on us."

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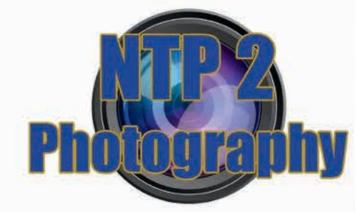
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