

# This Life Has Been a Movie

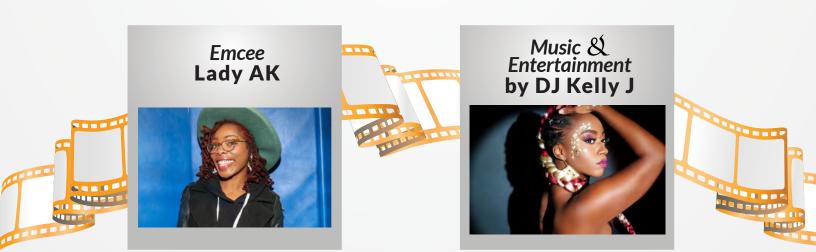


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Check-in and Networking Welcome Prayer Sumnu History Video Shaundell's Speech Awards Presentation Tiara's Speech Closing Remarks PARTY



Sumnu Marketing (started initially as Newsome Marketing Enterprises) was created to respond to the challenge that most small businesses fail within their first three to five years due to a lack of business planning and proper marketing, which resulted in low customer acquisition and retention numbers.

Newsome Marketing Enterprises, founded in 2006 by Shaundell Newsome was formed from the realization that small business owners don't focus on



marketing holistically because they emphasize communications and promotions. In 2007, the small company was selected as the primary Marketing, Branding, and Outreach firm for the newly formed Nevada State Office of Minority Health. This entry into government contracting in Public Outreach and Engagement would later become a staple of the business. Newsome Marketing's small business services included establishing tactical marketing plans, helping small business owners discover their target audience, marketing campaign evaluations, marketing communications plans, and more. All the services offered, workshops, and teachings were rooted in Marketers Anonymous, a 12-step Marketing Program that Shaundell created to help small business owners understand the complete marketing process and focus on the intangibles rather than the designs, websites, and other marketing tools. The firm experienced great success, achieving nearly half a million in revenue within the first six months. Unfortunately, like many small businesses in 2008, the two-year firm experienced America's Great Recession. It lost 60% of its revenue and was forced to reduce 80% of its workforce from 10 to 2 employees.

To recover from the recession fallout, Shaundell decided it was time to expand the executive and ownership team and a complete rebrand. In October 2011, Newsome Marketing Enterprises became Sumnu Marketing. It was all about starting something new. Tiara Flynn, Shaundell's daughter serving in the United States Air Force, decided to get back into the family business. One of her first jobs in high school was as an intern at Newsome Marketing Ent. Tiara encouraged her brother, Thomas Glover, to join her as the Chief Marketing Officer. Carla Jenkins, an original employee and Newsome's niece, and Arlene Newsome (wife) returned to the company to bring their respective talents, forming a true "family-owned business." The team focused on the vision, mission, organizational goals, and company culture to emphasize the needs of the small business community. In the reorganization, Tiara assumed the position of President and CEO. Arlene became the Director of Finances and Human Resources. Carla was the Chief Operating Officer. Shaundell moved into the role of Visionary/Founder. The executive team refocused the brand to expand its service offering. Keeping the focus on its mission, the Sumnu Executive team brainstormed to emphasize financial stability, diversification of services, and growth through online products.

As the new CEO, Tiara wanted to expand the firm's original reach and platform through the 12 Steps of Marketing. As a company, the firm rebranded the Suites of Services into five main areas: Small Business Branding, In-House Marketing, Grassroots Outreach, Small Business Development, and Small Business Training. Tiara also wanted to reach more small business owners and provide them access to a marketing mentor, Shaundell. Thus, the Sumnu Solutions Zone was born. The Sumnu Solutions Zone was built on the foundation of the 12 Steps of Marketing (initially created in 2006 as Marketers Anonymous). Tiara decided to elevate this effort by taking the 12 Steps of Marketing to the World Wide Web through a new online tool, the Sumnu Solutions Zone (SSZ). The Sumnu Solutions Zone was created to revolutionize how small business owners approach marketing their companies. The complete program was designed to put the power of marketing in the hands of start-ups, growing businesses, and mature companies looking to increase cash flow, develop loyal brand champions, and establish brand awareness. The SSZ is an online marketing membership platform where business owners follow the 12 Steps of Marketing through training videos, mentoring sessions, worksheets, and more.

> Today, the company has survived and thrived through a recession, a global pandemic, various staffing changes, multiple leadership changes, financial challenges, and significant successes followed by major losses. Through it all, the foundation of the company culture has remained the same. As owners and founders, Shaundell and Tiara believe in maintaining integrity in who the company set out to be in 2006, no matter what.

### Letter From Founder

It's truly amazing how Sumnu Marketing has been thriving for over 17 years! I feel blessed beyond measure to endure the struggles as a small business employer! It's an honor to continue the legacy that my father established to be constructive in our community. He was a strong Black father and a generational leader. I stand on his broad shoulders. I learned "service before self" through my mother's teaching, which continued in my military career and extended to Sumnu.

Thank you to many mentors who guided me through life and business. Here is a special shout-out to our clients who entrusted us with their companies or organizations with their vision, mission, and goals. From starting a business to surviving America's Great Recession and becoming a strong advocate to assist small businesses through a global pandemic, Sumnu is a testament to the soul of small businesses nationwide. We have won many awards as a company. But, in my opinion, our greatest accomplishment is being recognized as SBA Nevada's Family-Owned Business of the Year despite where our family came from. Our legacy will be the youth internships and mentoring small business partners to success.

Family and faith are the foundations of Sumnu Marketing. My wife, Arlene, is my life partner who entrusts me with taking her on the crazy ride of entrepreneurship. My daughter, Tiara, endured the pain of rebirthing a small business while building her own family. My niece Carla sacrificed twice to start and recover the company. My son, Thomas, used his entrepreneurial passion to keep us going through the recession. Naomi (8 years) and Frankie (10 years) have been solid as a rock as team members who easily became family members. Today, our granddaughter, Amaya, has worked at the firm for almost seven years, and Raven (5 years) with Laila, our budding entrepreneur, experiencing everything up close. This is what family and legacy look like!

Our collective faith in God pulls us through every day. I thank Him for 17 miraculous years!

Shaundell Newsome Sumnu Founder & Visionary



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Letter From CEC

I am overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude as we celebrate this incredible milestone - Sumnu Marketing's 17th Anniversary! I am smiling with immense pride as I reflect on the amazing journey thus far!

From our humble beginnings to where we stand today, our company has grown, thrived, and evolved in ways surpassing our wildest dreams. This Anniversary isn't just about marking the passage of time; it's about celebrating the collective effort, dedication, and unwavering commitment of every intern, staff member, executive team member, owner, client, partner, supporter, influencer, friend, and family who has contributed to our success. Our Loyal Brand Champions are unmatched! To you all, I say THANK YOU!

As we celebrate this milestone, I want to take a moment to express my most profound appreciation to God for carrying us along this journey. As you all know, we are a firm of family and faith. Without that foundation, we would not have made it this far. With that, to my father, who is the visionary and founder of this all, I don't know if the words thank you will ever be enough. You are the ultimate man and mentor, and you've been my biggest cheerleader through it all. I am still in awe at everything we've overcome, accomplished, and created together! Dream team for life!

This 17th Anniversary isn't just a time for festivities; it's an opportunity for reflection and anticipation. We must cherish our accomplishments while remaining firmly focused on the path ahead. We will continue innovating, adapting, and pursuing excellence in everything.

Our Anniversary is also a chance to strengthen the bonds that unite us as a family and community. The REALationships we've built over the years have been one of the major keys to our success and growth.

I am humbled by everyone who has supported us over the years and cheered us on continuously. I look forward to celebrating with all of you and sharing this remarkable achievement's joy.

Finally, I want to thank Sean, Joel, and Rylie Flynn. Your trust, love, and many sacrifices you've made over the years have been invaluable. There is no possible way I would have made it through any of this without you three.

As we move into the future, let us do so with the same faith, integrity, innovation, commitment to our clients and community, and unity that have carried us through these 17 incredible years!

Love you all deeply,

Tiasa Zlynn President/CEO



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# About the Team



Shaundell Newsome, Founder and Visionary



Arlene Newsome, Chief Financial Officer



**Tiara Flynn,** Chief Executive Officer



**Frankie Moore,** Executive Administrative Assistant



Amaya Edden-Glover, Marketing Specialist



Raven McSwain, Marketing Manager



Chevelle Newsome, Outreach Team



Keziah Wilson, Outreach Coordinator



Zhane Conner, Marketing Specialist



Class Act Award

Dalisa Steward

**Urban Chamber of Commerce** 

You have been the glue and your unwavering commitment to the chamber and its members has been instrumental in promoting economic development for many. You are a **CLASS ACT**!

Creed Award

Denette Braud

**Braud's Funnel Cake Cafe** 

Your compassion and demonstration of the ability to thrive through challenging times is an inspiration to us all. Eye of the tiger, heart of a lion! More businesses need to follow your examples of leadership and CREED!





Do The Right Thing Award

Dr. Tiffany Tyler City of Las Vegas

Your dedication to making positive changes resonates through your actions both big and small and your impact is felt far and wide. Your actions have not only benefited the immediate economic landscape, but also reflect a commitment to the broader principles of fairness, ethics, and social responsibility. We can always count on you to **DO THE RIGHT THING**.

Brothers Award

Guy Martin Martin-Harris Construction

Thank you for being someone who 'builds a longer table rather than a taller fence'. You've helped us to achieve goals, pushed us to grow, and aren't afraid to keep it real with us. That's what **BROTHERS** do!





Die Hard Award

#### Heather Avila

Live Electric Inc.

We thank you for being a Loyal Brand Champion. We're thrilled to continue this journey with you. You have shown exceptional dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment in the face of adversity like any **DIE HARD** Loyal Brand Champion<sup>©</sup> would.

Sister Act Award

### Kathleen Taylor and Leanna Jenkins

Nevada Women's Business Center & Nevada Business Opportunity Fund

You have not only supported our family, but you have shown a commitment to building a vibrant community where dreams are nurtured and possibilities are realized amongst women and minority businesses statewide and that is truly commendable. You are the ultimate SISTER ACT!

## And the Winners Are



Hidden Zigures Award

Kenneth "Ken" Evans

M.Y.S. Firm

Your contributions may not always be in the spotlight, but we know that you're always causing Good Trouble and your impact is profound. Thank you for being a **HIDDEN FIGURE** in our community who continues to champion the interests and fights policies that promote economic growth and sustainability,

### Lean On Me Award

<u>Laura Silva and Myisha Boyce</u>

M.Y.S. Firm

We believe wholeheartedly in collaboration over competition and your commitment to our shared goals has been a cornerstone of our journey. Together we have created some incredibly successful campaigns that impact lives! You know that you can always LEAN ON ME (SUMNU)!

## And the Winners Are



Above the Rim Award

#### Tonita Brown

Regional Transportation of Southern Nevada (RISE)

We thank you for being someone who always goes above and beyond to support the small and diverse business community. Your dedication to going **ABOVE THE RIM** for your agency and businesses in our community is instrumental in fostering economic inclusivity and prosperity in Southern Nevada.



### CLIENTS, CAMPAIGNS, AND PROJECTS

#### Thank you to the Newsome Marketing and Sumnu Marketing LOYAL BRAND CHAMPIONS who did something new!

**100 Black Men of America 100 Black Men of Las Vegas 1st Commerce Bank ACA Cleaning Acelero Learning Clark County Head Start ACE Office Supplies Adam Hodson CPA Advanced Auto Dynamics AEG Live Allegiant Electric Back to Life Campaign Battle Born Strategies Bird N Bones Barbecue Body Shield Branch Benefits Consultants Branch Hernandez and Associates Braud's Funnel Cake Café Brothers III Enterprises** - Creative Advertising Agency **Business Partners Group C2 Investment Solutions CAAN – Caucus of African American Nevadans Caesars Entertainment Cedric Crear Councilman Campaign 2019 CHAP (City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson) Children's Cabinet Christy's Party Store City of Henderson City of Las Vegas City of Las Vegas – African American Museum** and Cultural Center Study City of Las Vegas - B.O.S.S. Program **City of Las Vegas – Las Vegas Accelerator City of Las Vegas - Y.E.S. Program City of North Las Vegas City of North Las Vegas – SNUMA Clark County Clark County Regional Flood District Clark County Water Reclamation College of Southern Nevada Cosmetology Institute of Las Vegas Councilman Ricki Barlow** 

**Credit Management Association Culinary Health Fund Culinary Training Academy Cypress Entertainment De'Borah Scott Desert Diamond Magazine Desert Springs Hospital DeVille Reality Group Diamond Coast Spas Doolittle Community Center Downtown Access Project East Las Vegas Project Economic Opportunity Board of Southern Nevada Empowered to Excel Eschion Holdings Company (Reno, NV) First Fridays of Southern Nevada** Flangas McMillan Law Group FROCK - The Facial Rock **Fun Lane Indoor Play Gear Up By Design Gonzales, Saggio, and Harlan Law Gritz Café** Hands of Comfort Harold's Chicken Shack **Healthy Smiles Dental HER Services** Hunt-Penta, Joint Venture - BIDS Program **Image Urban Boutique Imagine Schools Inc. Kiewit (Project Neon) KME Architects** Las Vegas Urban League **LIVE Electric Louis Berger Engineering Love Engineering** Luxor Hotel and Casino **M** Con Inc **Martin Luther King Jr. Committee Foundation** Martin~Harris Construction Martin~Harris/Turner Construction. Joint Venture Massey & Associates Metal Men

### CLIENTS, CAMPAIGNS, AND PROJECTS (continue)

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**MGM Resorts International Mingo Health Solutions Behavioral Services** National Association of Minority Contractors Nevada Southern Nevada Strong (City of Henderson) Nevada American Rescue Plan **Nevada Business Opportunity Fund Nevada Contractors Association Nevada Department of Transportation** 2016 NDOT DBE Skill Assessment **2018 NDOT Business Skills Development Training NDOT Disparity Study 2020 Nevada Help Desk** Nevada Museum of Art Nevada Partners **Nevada SBDC Nevada Small Business Development Center Nevada State College (University) Nevada State Treasurer's Office** Nevada Women's Business Center **NV Energy Paragon Development Group PENTA Building Group Penna Powers** Pet Central **Principles International** - Workplace Instructional Company **Public Consulting Group Quality Tours of Las Vegas Quiet Storm Foundation Rancho Drive Complete Street Project (WSP) RDH** Group **Regional Transportation of Southern Nevada (RTC) Republic Services Robertson + Partners RTC Hope Grant RTC OnBoard RTC RiSE Program Rub a Dub Carpet Cleaners** Sahara Interchange (WSP) **Scholarship Solutions Shots for Tots** SNRPC 2020 Census Outreach **Solutions of Change** 

**Southern Nevada Health District** - Arm in Arm Campaign Southwest Protection Agency **Stacy Evans Mortgage Stars Smiles Children's Dentistry** State of Nevada/Health Department - State Health Agency **State of Nevada Office of Minority Health Steven Brooks for Assembly Success N U Seminars Tapestry Temple Gym The Haywood Group** The Marshall Team – Trish Marshall The Medicine Cabinet USA **The Penta Building Group The Smith Center for Performing Arts Three Square Thor Construction Training Principles Trinity Land Surveying** Turner/Martin~Harris (JV) **UNLV University of Nevada Las Vegas United Strategic Alliance** United Way - Earn it, Keep it, Save it **United Way of Southern Nevada Units Storage Urban Chamber of Commerce USA Global USA Track and Field Nevada Association Victory Missionary Baptist Church Walters Designs Washington State Department of Health** West Las Vegas Library Whiting-Turner Construction Wings Incorporated World Market Center **Zero Fatalities** 

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all of the PARTNERS AND VENDORS who have helped us do something new!

A Graphic Design Company (AGD) **AA** Printing Access CDFI **AK's Closet Asian Chamber of Commerce Bannerview Braintrust Agency Capture the Moments Photography (MartyPix) Children's Cabinet City of Las Vegas Parks & Rec. Colette Holt and Associates Crear Creative Group Creative Flow Eagle Promotions Echelon Events Center Ericka Aviles Consulting Faiss Foley Warren/The Warren Group Ferrari Public Affairs HCI** Advertising Henderson Chamber of Commerce **JACOBS** Engineering **KCEP 88.1 FM Kim Photography Kirvin Doak Communications KME** Architects **KOR Building Group** Las Vegas Website Designs Latin Chamber of Commerce **Magnum Integrated Marketing Mahogany Brown Photography Mastering Mindsets Las Vegas** 

**Minority Health Consultants** M.Y.S. Firm National Association of Women in Construction NCP Productions **Nehemiah Ministries** Nevada Contractors Association Nevada Partners Inc. **Nevada SBDC (Nx Level) Periwinkle Group PR Insiders Purdue Marion & Associates Radioactive Productions RB** Communications **Robertson + Partners** Salazar Communications SBA Small Business Association **Sky High Marketing** Southwest Marketing **The Ford Momentum** The Gas Station Studios The WE Mentality **Thomas Puckett Brand Communications Thompson Career Solutions TSC2 Group Unrelenting Media Urban Chamber of Commerce Vegas Chamber of Commerce Vegas Valley Balloons & Events** Westcoast Flagging **WSP Engineering Your I.T. Department** 

Our Awards and Accomplishments

SBA Small Business Champion of the Year (2008) **Clark County Commission Small Business Award (2008)** Top 40 Under 40. In Business Las Vegas (2008) **Urban Chamber of Commerce President Award (2009)** LVCC Women/Minority Owned Business of the Year (2012) **College of Southern Nevada Community Service Award (2012)** Las Vegas Health Advocate Award (2012) LVCC Business Excellence Award (2014) SBA Family Owned Business of the Year (2015) **Outstanding Public Outreach, City of Henderson (2015) PRSA Pinnacle Awards (2016) American Planning Association - National Public Excellence** Award for Public Outreach (2016) UCC Women in Business & Politics Awardee (2017) National Minority Supplier of the Year (2017) NMSDC All Money is Green Award (2020) SBA Entrepreneurial Spirit of the Year (2023)



Something new is about innovation, creating a culture of commerce, ingenuity and economic development that breeds job creation, new business opportunities and growth is the ultimate goal!



