

Goldman Sachs
One Million Black Women:
Black in Business

Jacqui Jones: One word to describe Black women entrepreneurs? Powerful.

Kalyn Johnson Chandler: Fearless.

Cynthia Romph: Tenacious.

Kalyn Johnson Chandler: Creative. Amazing.

Crystal Neville: One word that I would use to describe a black woman entrepreneur would be resilient.

Funlayo Alabi: Resilient.

Siamanda Chege: Resilient.

Ceata Lash: Resilient.

Jackie Grice: Resilient.

Sandy Petty: Resilient.

Ceata Lash: My name is Ceata Lash. I currently reside in Powder Springs, Georgia.

Cynthia Romph: My name is Cynthia Romph. I am from Baltimore, Maryland.

Funlayo Alabi: My name is Funlayo Alabi. I live in the Baltimore area.

Kalyn Johnson Chandler: My name is Kalyn Johnson Chandler. I live between New York City and Miami.

Lisa Johnson: My name is Lisa Johnson. I live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Siamanda Chege: My name is Siamanda Chege. I am originally from Kenya, Africa.

Ceata Lash: And my business is the PuffCuff.

Kalyn Johnson Chandler: Effies Paper, Stationary & Whatnot.

Cynthia Romph: Fashion Spa House.

Lisa Johnson: Mathtopian Preparation.

Funlayo Alabi: Shea Radiance.

Siamanda Chege: Bebe Ravi Collection, Inc.

Jackie Grice: My mother was the biggest influence. It was very inspiring seeing an African American woman have her own business. And that's really what motivated me.

Jacqui Jones: When I first started my business, I was a solopreneur, one person trying to get it all done by myself.

Jackie Hayes: So it started as a hobby and it just grew and grew from there. And eight years later, now it's a business.

Funlayo Alabi: One of my biggest role models is the founder of the Natural Beauty brand. That was a woman of color. And after reading her book, I saw a lot of myself in her and I knew that if she could do it, I could too.

Jamila Little: People come alongside you unexpectedly. And when you really put yourself out there, there are people who would come and support and guide and hold your hand and offer help and advice.

Kalyn Johnson Chandler: Something I would say to black women who are just starting their businesses is just start.

Ceata Lash: Stop letting stuff get in your way. You are strong enough.

Sandy Petty: It's an incredible journey. It's a very rewarding journey. It's like none other.

Ceata Lash: There's many of us out there that are ready to reach down and pull you up, me being one of them. So don't be scared.

Funlayo Alabi: We're doing things that the mainstream has ignored for many years. So just know that the ideas you have are different from what is already out there and the world needs what we have, so move forward with confidence and don't stop till you get what you need.

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