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Dr. Orlanda Whitfield is the visionary behind Still Poppin' Gourmet Popcorn. Her culinary wisdom, passed down by her mother and grandmother, ignited a lifelong passion for what has turned into her remarkable business. The heart of her craft lies in her grandmother's recipe for caramel popcorn. The journey of Orlanda and the delightful offerings of Still Poppin' are a testament to the power of passion, tradition, and the entrepreneurial spirit!

Founded in 2016, Still Poppin' utilizes the No More Empty Pots Commercial Kitchen to make its popcorn, which sources kernels from local farms. One of the company's most beloved creations is the Omaha Mix, featuring hand-crafted caramel generously smothered in cheddar cheese. In 2021, Orlanda joined The Entrepreneur Journey program at No More Empty Pots, where she was paired with Theo Skipper as a coach and mentor. Theo is supporting Orlanda in crafting an ongoing development plan for Still Poppin', which includes the goal of one day opening a production facility and an adjoining storefront.

"Witnessing the success stories of our inspiring entrepreneurs is always a source of immense joy," said Larissa Sanon, Entrepreneur Team Manager. "It's these remarkable journeys that fuel our investment and dedication to entrepreneurship at No More Empty Pots."

The Entrepreneur Journey

Support Entrepreneurs with No More Empty Pots

Share with Your Network: Now Hiring President & CEO

The No More Empty Pots team is excited to launch the community-wide search of our next President and CEO. Led by the No More Empty Pots Board of Directors and NEXT Recruitment & Consulting, our team seeks a visionary leader who demonstrates the following six core competencies: Instills Trust; Drives Vision and Purpose; Plans and Aligns; Communicates Effectively; Drives Engagement; and Demonstrates Self-Awareness.

Areas of responsibility include planning and evaluation; policy development and administration; fund development; and personnel and fiscal management. Contact Megan Smith at msmith@nextcrew.com with any questions. Please share with your network!

President & CEO Job Description

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Congratulations to Graduates of Cohort 21

Culinary Certificate Program graduates from left to right are (top row) Cassidy Sperak, Jordan Inman-Roach, Brock Fairbrother, (bottom row) Jaiteeqa Lumber, Faith Young, and Rowell Bonner. The eight-week program provides workforce-readiness training and hands-on culinary instruction for individuals interested in launching or advancing employment in the food industry.

Cohort 22 will be hosted at The Greenhouse at the Highlander Accelerator in January of 2024. Learn more or submit your application today!

Culinary Certificate Program

"New North Omaha Greenhouse Offers Unique Opportunities"

Journalist Bella Ceracto of 6 News WOWT visited The Greenhouse this week for a special sneak peek of opportunities including a Micro Market, training room, science lab, and commercial kitchen. Watch the video for interviews with Nancy Williams of *No More Empty Pots* and Jimmi Watts of Seventy Five North.

Save the Date: Our public grand opening event is Friday, December 8th!

Watch the Video

Inspire Omaha Awards | Wednesday, November 1

Nancy Williams, No More Empty Pots President & CEO, was named one of five "Woman of the Year" finalists for the inaugural Inspire Omaha Awards celebrated on Wednesday, November 1st. Other finalists included Carmen Tapia, Sydney Franklin, Carol Russell, and Dr. Joanne Li. At the event, Carmen Tapia was named "Woman of the Year"!

The luncheon, hosted by the Omaha World-Herald celebrated women who have truly excelled, not only in their professional lives, but as leaders and role models in Omaha. Their commitment, vision and talents make them true leaders in their chosen fields.

Learn More

Giving Tuesday | Tuesday, November 28

Save the date to join in on the local Giving Tuesday celebration and support No More Empty Pots. Every gift matched! A donation now makes lasting change. Your gift of $100 will purchase a textbook for a student in the Culinary Certificate Program or cover costs to purchase 60 pounds of seasonal produce from a local farmer.

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