

Alumni of the Tamer Institute for Social Enterprise and Climate Change

Alumni create significant positive impacts in communities around the world and on climate change. Here are some Columbia Business School graduates.



Learn more!

NONPROFIT & PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

Laura Clancy '07, Chief Operating Officer

Samid Ventures is a family foundation that focuses on building inclusive economies through initiatives primarily focused on education, entrepreneurship, and healthcare.



SAMVID VENTURES

Dan Gennaoui '11, Chief of Staff

Uncommon Schools is a network of high performing urban public charter schools that aim to close the opportunity gap and prepare students from low-income communities to graduate from college.



Jennifer Kawar '84, Vice President, Chief Investment Officer

Nonprofit Finance Fund helps organizations connect money to mission effectively, and supports innovations such as growth capital campaigns, cross-sector economic recovery initiatives, and impact investing.



Beth Mitchell '12, Talent Acquisition Manager

Compass Family Services helps homeless families and families at imminent risk for homelessness to achieve housing stability, family well-being, and self-sufficiency.



Justine Zinkin '02, CEO

Neighborhood Financial Trust Partners is New York City's premier provider of financial empowerment services, providing integrated financial counseling and programs that low-income people trust, where financial supports are relevant, meaningful, and actionable.



CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY

Rohit T. Aggarwala '00, Chief Climate Officer of NYC, Commissioner

NYC Environmental Protection is an NYC public sector organization that protects public health, critical quality of life issues, and the environment. He also led the development of NYC's sustainability plan, PlaNYC.



Ethan Brown '08, President and CEO

Beyond Meat is a US-based public company that produces plant-based meat and aims to positively affect the environment and climate, as well as providing a healthier option for people.



Wendy DeWolf '18, Senior Vice President

VC Renewables is a US-based renewable energy developer, offering solar and storage solutions for utility scale and community solar for customers and stakeholders.



Kaushik Kappagantulu '17, Co-founder and CEO

Kheyti builds climate resiliency and serves small farmers through a "Greenhouse-in-a-Box," an affordable, modular greenhouse bundled with end-to-end services.



Sara Neff '10, Head of Sustainability

Lend Lease Americas, a global, integrated real estate company, with fund and asset management and development and construction businesses.



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP & IMPACT INVESTING

Kesha Cash '10, Founder and General Partner

Impact America Fund is a GIIRS-rated equity investment fund with a mission to generate financial returns while enhancing the quality of life for underserved communities in America.



Ron Gonen '04, Founder and CEO

Closed Loop Partners focuses on building the circular economy and is composed of three key business segments: an investment firm, innovation center, and operating group. Ron is also founder of Recyclebank.



Kelly Ifill '17, Founder and Executive Director

Guava is a digital banking and networking platform designed by and for Black small business owners.



Beverly Leon '20, Founder and CEO

Local Civics is an edtech (K-12) platform that enables students to build civic engagement and community leadership skills through gamified learning.



Vikas Raj '10, Co-founder and General Partner

ResilienceVC is an impact venture firm investing in seed-stage embedded fintech startups that build financial resilience for users and deliver returns for investors.



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sara Green '01, Founder and Executive Director

Art for Refugees in Transition is a curriculum-based program that encourages the revitalization of traditional artistic practices among refugee populations worldwide.



Elena Mayer '15, Director, Strategy & Performance

International Rescue Committee is a global nonprofit that responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises by providing life-changing care and assistance to refugees and displaced people.



Leah Pedersen '10, Senior Director, Market Acceleration & Design Innovation

Convergence Blended Finance is a global network that generates blended finance data, intelligence, and deal flow to increase private sector investment in developing countries.



Jon Saunders '14, COO

SunCulture Kenya Ltd's mission is to make high quality solar-powered irrigation available to all farmers globally.



David del Ser '08, Chair and Chief Innovation Officer

BFA Global is a global innovation firm delivering solutions and impact to drive broad, sustainable access to financial services to low-income people.

