

Jamila Payne

Entrepreneur / Sustainable Business Expert



President of Milla by Mail has had a passion for fashion and entrepreneurship since she was a little girl. At just 10 years old her mother began teaching her to sew and Jamila started making her own make-shift patterns to create original designed garments. She honed her entrepreneurial skills with The National Foundation for Entrepreneurship (NFTE) and by high school she had a thriving jewelry business. She went on to work for fashion houses like FUBU, Anthropologie catalog, and Mimi Maternity. When she saw the expecting Kelly Ripa wearing one of her own Mimi Maternity designs on television, she knew she had a true talent for knowing what works. Jamila has been featured in InStyle Magazine, Entrepreneur Magazine, Black Enterprise, the Wall Street Journal as well as many other local and national newspapers. She has been honored by the Philadelphia Business Journal as "One of Philadelphia's Most Influential Under 40". Ms. Payne can sometimes be seen on shows such as the NBC morning show 10! presenting the latest fashions or discussing lifestyle trends.

Payne has developed curriculum on green business, e-commerce, marketing, operations & technology, business plan development and several other topics. Jamila has also been a speaker at conferences and events including The Black Enterprise Entrepreneurship Conference and The NFTE Annual Entrepreneurs Awards Banquet where she served as a host for two years. Ms. Payne graduated from Drexel University as a Design and Merchandising Major and has an MBA from the Lebow College of Business. Jamila sits on the Board for the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia where she serves as treasurer.

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