

Thanker - Majora Carter - 40 - Entrepreneur

Wants to thank Barry Segal for loaning her the money to start her own company

Majora Carter was born and raised in the Bronx and is an 'urban revitalization strategist' who has made it her mission to make it a better place each and every day. Carter founded the non-profit environmental justice solutions corporation Sustainable South Bronx before entering the private sector where she now she is president of a private consulting firm, Majora Carter Group.

Majora wants to thank a successful businessman Barry Segal who shared Majora's ideas and ambitions for how to improve the employment stats in the Bronx. Barry very kindly gave her a loan to start her business, a loan that he later forgave.



Thankee - Barry Segal - 60's - New Jersey

Barry is a man who can't sit still. In business and in philanthropy he has obsessed over the challenge of solving big problems and getting things done more efficiently and effectively. He took a chance on Majora, a woman he felt he should back and it paid off.

Status - Barry is very keen to be involved in this project and would like to appear in person.

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Thanker - Rebecca Jones - Senior structural engineer (Associate) - 32

Wants to thank her 7th grade maths teacher for igniting her career in engineering

What's powerful about Rebecca's story is here we have very successful professional who wants to honestly thank her 7th grade math teacher, Mrs Weier, for triggering her career in engineering. It's a tale we all can relate to. A teacher or lecturer who helped us embrace and excel at something because of how they brought the subject and the student to life.

To add genuine warmth to what could be perceived as quite cooperate story is the fact a traditional schoolteacher from Nebraska gets recognised and appreciated for their efforts in helping Rebecca create some of the tallest skyscrapers in the world.

[Click here for her company website.](#)

Thankee - Mrs Weier

Diane was surprised but extremely flattered to hear that Rebecca would like to thank her. She remembered her from school and thought it was fantastic that she has done so well in her career. She would absolutely love to be involved and can be free any of our shoot days-she lives in Gretna, Nebraska.



Thanker - Rosario Procino - Restaurateur

He wants to thank his wife for helping him follow his dream

Rosario is a classic case of how to follow your heart in love and in life. After he met his wife-to-be whilst she was on holiday in Italy, he subsequently decided to follow her to America and commit to their relationship. It was 1998 and he had just graduated with a master In Computer Science Engineering. His job in NYC was in the telecommunication industry as Sales Engineer for an Italian company where he made a very respectable living. In 2005 he decided to change career and risk losing it all by following his love and passion for Italian food. His dream of owning a restaurant in NY was made possible by some financial assistance from his father and brother in law but the key person who gave him the confidence and the drive to embrace this new journey was his wife.

He now co-owns Ribalta, a hugely respected and recognised establishment off Union Square and is a beacon within the community.

“My wife supported me since day one. She was the biggest driver behind my success. She strongly believed in my idea and me. Thanks to her I have been able to beat my fears and jump on a plane to reach her in NY. That opened a brand new world to me. In the 15 years together she has been a constant motivator for me. Only thanks to her I was able to move forward in my life and be where I’m today.”

Thankee - Rosario’s wife

Status - Have left a message. Awaiting a call back



Thanker - Joseph A. Fulco - Architect

He would like to thank his employer, Tom Bittner.

He graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 2007. Architecture is a strange profession, in that it feels the swings of the economy long before the rest of America does, and in 2007, architecture began to feel the "Great Recession". Many firms began implementing a hiring freeze. He applied to dozens of firms, and only got an interview with two. One was the largest and most successful firm in the world, Gensler. He sat down for his interview opposite Tom Bittner, who at the time was running 1 of 2 small retail studios within Gensler, New York. He showed him my portfolio and they discussed architectural influences and trends, but the work Joseph showed was severely junior at best. Tom saw something in him however, and by mid morning the following day, the job was his. He didn't know it then, but he would become the last employee hired in the studio for the next 3 years.

A growing line of work in the studio was called building repositioning and Tom would take him away from my desk to look at empty buildings and imagine what retail offering might best fit in the framework of the building, the community, and the culture. He trained him to notice influential minutia in the building's fire code or occupancy load requirements. It was very technical work and unlike anything he had learned in college.

Then came the fall of 2008. It was November 4th and in just a few hours Barack Obama would become the first African-American president. But his hope and change rhetoric was far from anyone's mind at 9 AM that day as the first of what would be hundreds of employees were laid off across the firm.

Joseph wants to thank Tom for hiring him, for training him and for believing in him.

Thankee - Tom Bittner

We are in the process of connecting with Tom.

