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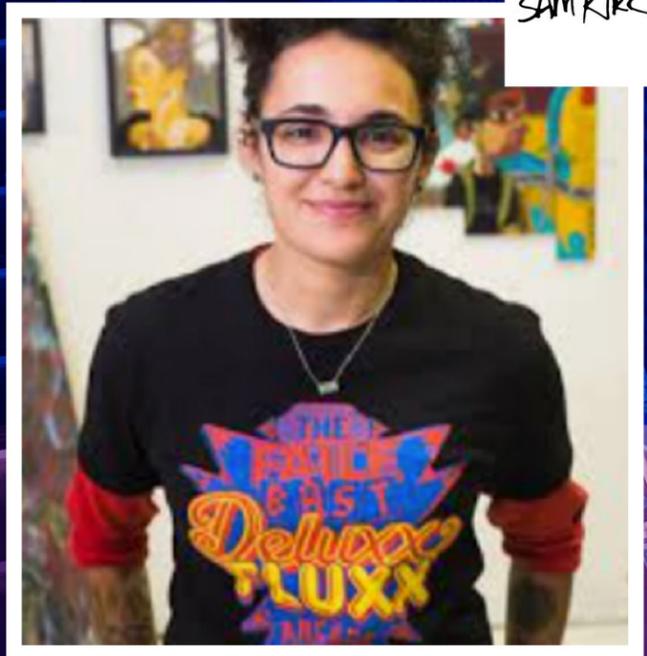
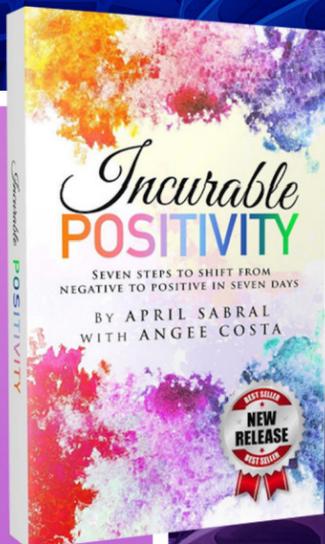
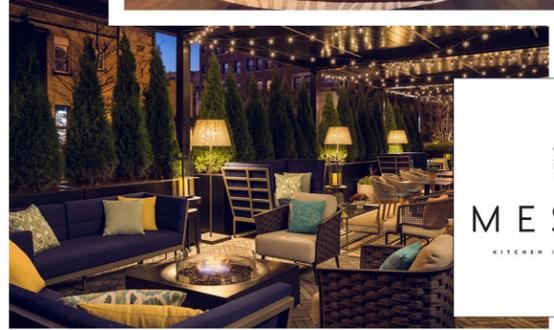
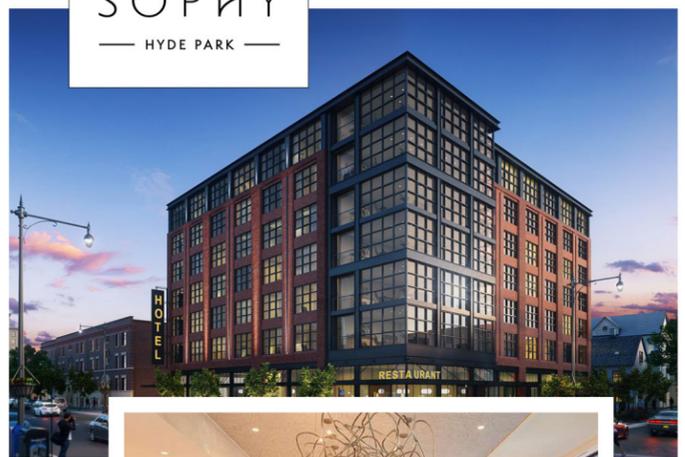
CHICAGO leadership escape

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SOPHY® Hyde Park - 1411 E 53rd Street, Chicago, IL

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SOPHY Hyde Park has been named one of the 500 best hotels around the globe by Travel + Leisure in the 2023 edition of the T+L 500, featured in the May issue.

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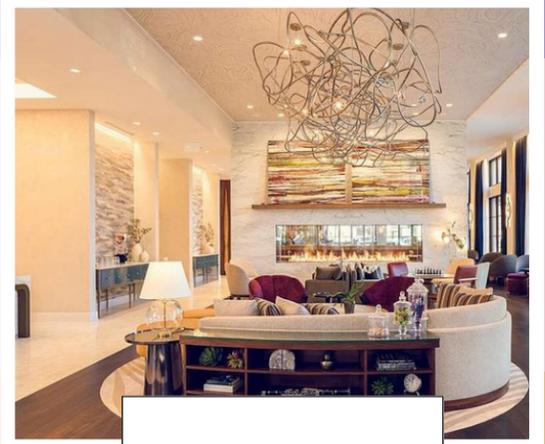
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SOPHY®'s community engagement and support of our community are at the heart of SOPHY's story

-sophy [so-phy]: knowledge: wisdom : study of many disciplines

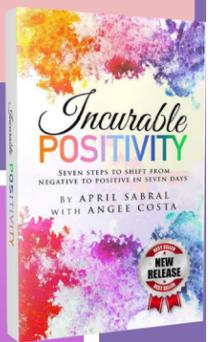
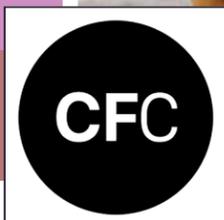
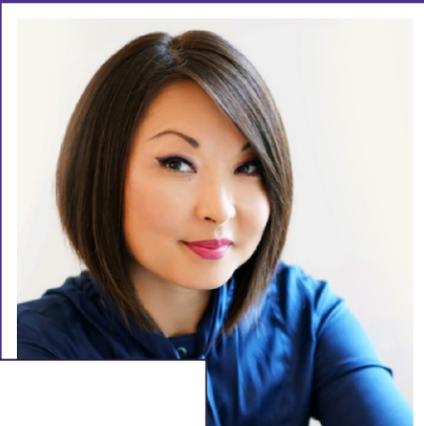
Sophisticated and eclectic, the SOPHY® Hotel embodies the crafts and passions of art, science, literature, and music that are the inspiration of today's Hyde Park, Chicago luxury hotel.

A new boutique hotel in Hyde Park, SOPHY® Hotel infuses the community's academic and artistic contributions, allowing the curious visitor to delight in discoveries at every turn from arrival to departure.



discover Discover Champions of Success

We are true Champions of Success. We don't just talk about diversity, community, and leadership. Meet the people from different cities, different backgrounds and different generations who are cultivating true inclusion, diversity and transformational opportunities.



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Michelle Collins is the President and CXO of AIN/A A Non-Agency®, a consumer experience marketing design consultancy based in New York, which was ranked #413 on the Inc. 5000 for 2020, and in 2022, among Inc. magazine's Regionals List for the Northeast. Michelle is an experiential marketer with numerous ground-breaking and award-winning concepts and brings a perspective of both a "creative" and a tenacious dealmaker to the platforms she has created for several of the biggest names in hotels, and fashion, beauty/wellness, art, food/wine and other brands, including Richemont N. America, Van Cleef & Arpels, Kate Spade, Google Play, Phillips NY, Delta Airlines. Perhaps most of all, she is a connector — putting partners together, introducing consumers to brands, investors to ideas and the hospitality industry to guests — all by creating experiences that allow them to explore and discover.



MARQUAN JONES

President, Chicago Fashion Coalition

Chicago Fashion Coalition is a 501c(3) non-profit with the mission to disrupt and elevate the city's fashion community by building a platform to centralize resources and connect members. We aim to build an elevated and centralized fashion community for the city of Chicago, and offer a unified platform for individuals at any point in the Chicago Fashion ecosystem who are looking to grow their business and connect with others.



NICHOLE M. BESS

Founder & CEO
NOIR Fashion Week

Nichole M. Bess, Founder & CEO of NOIR Fashion Week, is a highly respected executive in the fashion industry with a career spanning over 20 years. With a keen eye for detail and a passion for innovation, Nichole has led numerous successful initiatives aiding in the launch of emerging iconic brands and collections. As a thought leader in the industry, known for her ability to identify emerging trends and translate them into successful products and strategies. She has a proven track record of driving growth as a highly respected and influential figure in the fashion industry.



APRIL SABRAL

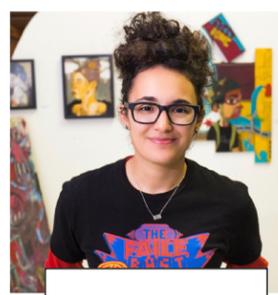
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April Sabral was a senior retail executive with over 30 years of leading sales and operations on three continents, working for brands such as; Apple, Starbucks, Gap, Holt Renfrew, Laura Canada, and was the Vice President of North America for DAVID'S TEA.

In 2018, April decided to take all of her expertise and experience and founded retailu.ca an online leadership development portal for field leaders.

She has achieved multiple coaching certifications, such as John C. Maxwell, The World Association of business coaching, and is now a member of the Forbes Coaching Council.

In 2019 April wrote her first book and launched April Sabral leadership, introducing leadership tools such as self-coaching cards and a self-development workbook to accompany her book 'The Positive Effect'.



SAM KIRK

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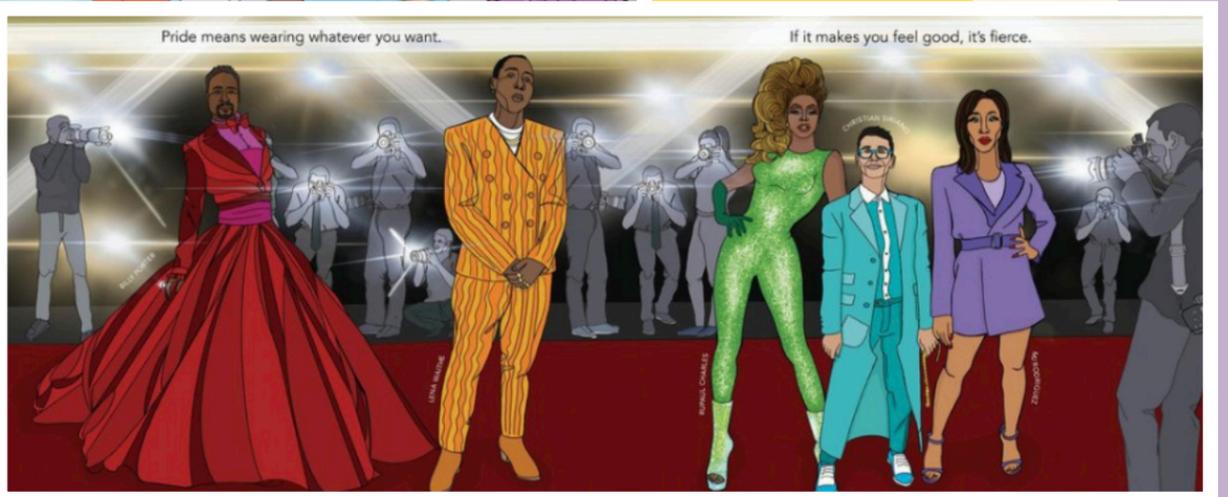
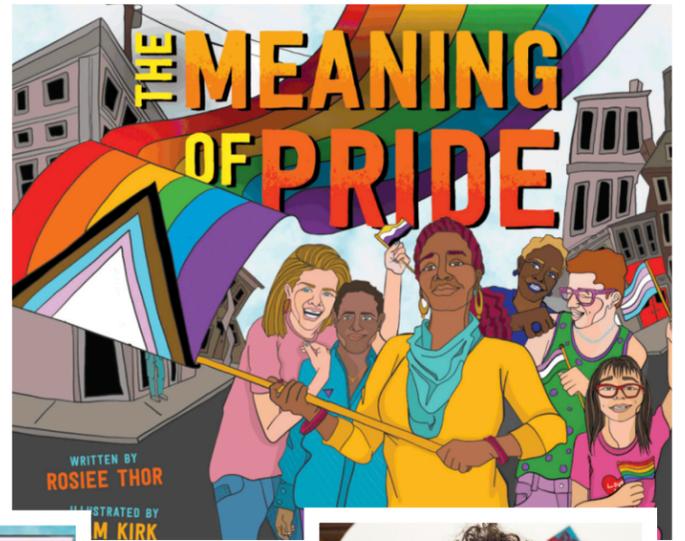
Sam Kirk, an award winning Multidisciplinary Artist explores culture and identity politics through her work. Her signature style navigates the intersections of culture and identity via vibrant colors, intricate line-work and multi-tones figures. Recent accomplishments include custom artworks for Disney's 2023 International Festival of the Arts, and the design for the "Univisionarios" Award for Univision's 2022 Annual Awards Gala. Her work is part of the permanent collection of the National Museum of Mexican Art, owned by Grammy Award Winning Musicians Daddy Yankee and Pitbull, and featured in top publications such as O Magazine, Forbes, and Travel & Leisure among many others. Oprah Magazine lists Kirk as one of the top Hispanic Artists to follow!

PRIDE AVAILABLE NOW

THIS FULL COLOR CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITTEN BY ROSIE THOR, ILLUSTRATED BY SAM KIRK WITH COLOR DIRECTION BY JENNY Q IS THE FIRST COVER TO COVER CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATED BY SAM KIRK.

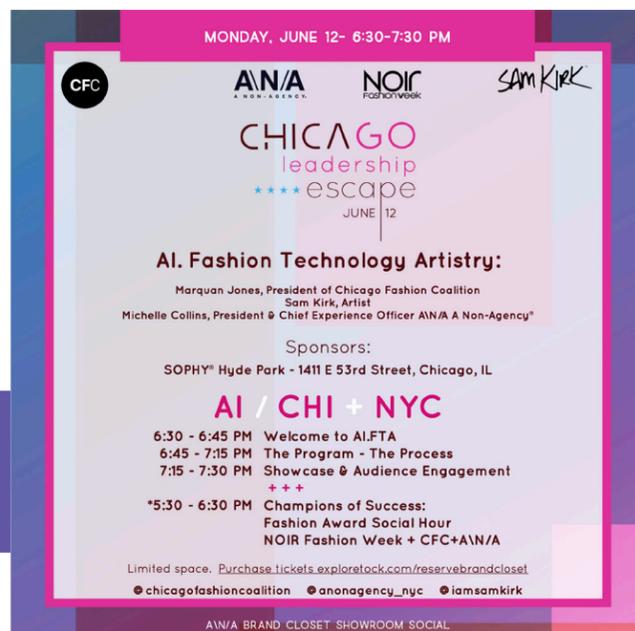
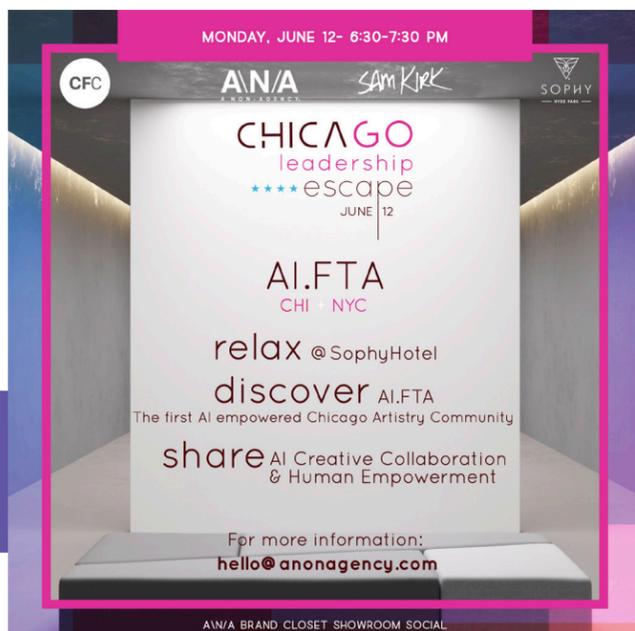
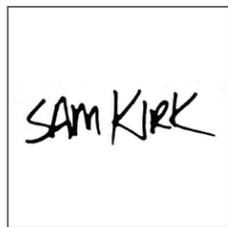
"A vibrant ode to the culture and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community, The Meaning of Pride, celebrates the beauty, significance, and many dimensions of the concept of Pride as celebrated by millions of people around the world!"

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AI. FASHION TECHNOLOGY ARTISTRY

It's the first AI empowered Chicago Artistry Community which will unite Fashion, Technology, and Art. The Creator's Economy provides an opportunity to bridge the gap in collaboration, learning, funding, resources, and the social cultural disconnect in Chicago and beyond.



CHAMPIONS OF SUCCESS CHI+NYC+PARIS

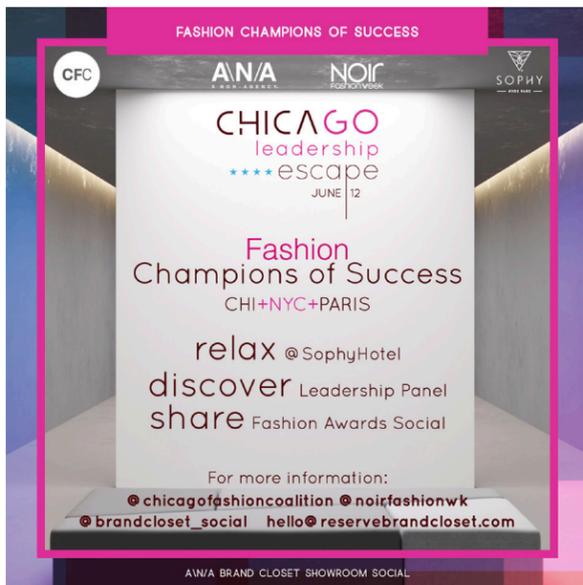
Fashion Awards & Leadership Panel 3 CHICAGO WINNERS

It's artistry united. NOIR Fashion Week, Chicago Fashion Coalition and AIN/A A Non-Agency are championing success. AIN/A A Non-Agency®, CFC and NOIR Fashion Week are uniting cities and communities of BIPOC artists, designers and entrepreneurs seeking opportunities to grow and accelerate their path to success.

Three Chicago designers will win the opportunity to showcase with the 2023 NOIR NYC and PARIS Fall Fashion Weeks. It's a rare opportunity and a first of its kind of partnership.

**Winners announced
at Fashion Awards Social
June 12, 5:30 PM**

1st Place - Paris
2nd Place - NYC (Inclusion in Times Square Billboard)
3rd Place - NYC + \$250 Mood Fabric Store Gift Card



THE POSITIVE EFFECT

April Sabral brings a fresh perspective to the power of positive thinking and impact of positive leadership. In this workshop April shares her personal journey, lessons learned, and how to lead with a positive attitude against all the odds. This attitude and style of leading helped her in growing strong, dynamic, and effective retail teams and winning awards, and most recently create two successful companies.

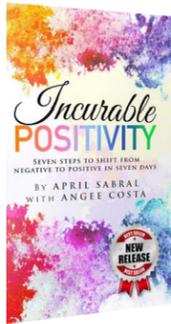
April's approach to leadership and life will change your results positively. After this workshop you will walk away with practical tips and frameworks that will shift your life from negative to positive. When you know how to do this, the impact on your life is tremendous. April is a COACH and believes in teaching people the steps to make significant shifts in their lives, not just in the theory of positivity.

April is known as the most positive person and the leader of leaders. You won't want to miss this. Learning how to master positive thinking and positively effect people has a ripple effect that is contagious and yields positive outcomes.

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Leadership Coach & Entrepreneur
share Positivity & Leadership Skills

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*Limited to 15 people per session.

10 AM - 11:15 AM Session 1
12 PM - 1:15 PM Session 2
2:30 - 3:45 PM Session 3
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4 - 5 PM Private Session TBA

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CHI Emerging Designer Leadership Summit

June 12
6:30 - 7:30 PM

This summit is focused on discussing the future
of the fashion industry, exploring emerging
trends, sustainability, and sharing best practices
for success in the industry.

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MESLER DINING & SANCTUARY



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CFC + NOIR FW / NYC + PARIS

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- 5:30 - 5:45 PM Champions of Success Panel Discussion
- 5:45 - 6:00 PM Judging R1: Designer Finalists Presentation
- 6:00 - 6:15 PM Audience Q&A
- 6:15 - 6:25 PM Winners Announced
- +++
- *6:30 - 7:30 PM CFC + A\N/A + Sam Kirk
AI. Fashion Technology Artistry
- *6:30 - 7:30 PM CHI Emerging Designer Leadership Summit
w/ Nichole M. Bess, Founder & CEO

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Wine, Beverages & Small Bites included.



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AI / CHI + NYC

- 6:30 - 6:45 PM Welcome to AI.FTA
- 6:45 - 7:15 PM The Program - The Process
- 7:15 - 7:30 PM Showcase & Audience Engagement
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- *5:30 - 6:30 PM Champions of Success:
Fashion Award Social Hour
NOIR Fashion Week + CFC+A\N/A