ATHENA Young Professional Nominee: Taylor Beaudet

Taylor Beaudet is an emerging leader whose path reflects a powerful mix of education, entrepreneurship, and a genuine commitment to serving people. Taylor holds an Associate Degree from the Community College of Vermont, a Bachelor of Science in Business and Marketing from Norwich University, and an MBA with a concentration in Leadership from Norwich University. She has put that education into action by building and leading two local businesses that are deeply connected to the community they serve.

Three and a half years ago, Taylor launched her own catering business from the ground up—an idea that quickly grew into a successful operation with a loyal customer base. Shortly after, she purchased **Campo di Vino**, a beloved Italian food business that has been part of the community for more than 16 years. Taylor understood she was stepping into a legacy built on family recipes, hard work, and trust. For the past two years, she has worked side-by-side with the prior owners—who still work with her today—making ravioli, sausage, and sauce and ensuring the recipes the community loves remain at the heart of the business.

Taylor has also shown creativity and initiative by expanding Campo di Vino beyond what it had traditionally offered, adding a hot-food takeout component and an ice cream/gelato window. Today, she operates both businesses simultaneously, managing payroll, accounting, ordering, scheduling, customer communication, purchasing, catering operations, and food production. She leads hands-on—staying in the kitchen, serving customers, listening, and building relationships—because she believes leadership means doing the work, not standing above it. She also creates opportunity for others, employing and personally training team members while leading by example.

Taylor's community leadership is equally strong. She believes that when a community supports a local business, that business has a responsibility to give back—and she lives that philosophy through donations, sponsorships, discounted services, and active participation in local events. Over the past several years, she has supported a wide range of organizations and initiatives, including Faith Community Church, Barre Rotary, Ainsworth Public Library, the Elks Club and senior meal programs, Barre Senior Center, local schools, clubs, and community events. She has also catered and donated food to help provide meals for older community members and has stepped up to support local families during important moments.

One tradition that means especially much to Taylor is **Autumn Fest** in the town where she grew up. For the third year in a row, she has participated as a way to give back—this year donating approximately **500 cannoli**, spending the day serving the community in person,

and giving out **$500 in gift cards** so local residents could enjoy a meal at her business. She also prioritizes sourcing locally whenever possible, because she believes small businesses supporting small businesses strengthens the whole community. And she quietly helps neighbors in need—she has shared meals with members of the homeless community because, as she believes, no one should go hungry.

As a role model for young women, Taylor demonstrates what's possible through education, perseverance, and the courage to build something of your own. She leads with humility, grit, and heart—showing that you can be ambitious and compassionate at the same time.

Please join us in celebrating **ATHENA Young Professional Nominee Taylor Beaudet**—a driven entrepreneur and community builder making a meaningful impact in Central Vermont.