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STRATEGIC BUSINESS ADVISOR, AUTHOR, HOST & EXECUTIVE PRODUCER & SPEAKER

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# ASHLEY DELAND Rewriting the Rules of Business & Power

Strategic Business Advisor, Author, Host & Executive Producer & Speaker

Ashley Deland didn't just build her success, she earned every inch of it.

The youngest of three daughters, Ashley was raised by a single mother in a low-income household and a restrictive religious cult that taught her to stay small, silent, and obedient.

But even as a child, she knew she was built for more. That inner knowing, the refusal to accept limitation as destiny, became the quiet fire behind every company, keynote, and global movement she's led.

Her story didn't begin in boardrooms or brand campaigns, it began with breaking generational patterns, rebuilding belief from scratch, and turning survival into strategy.

After working her way into a coveted corporate job and taking her boss's position in six months, Ashley did what most wouldn't - she walked away.

From the salary, the structure, the safety net, because the version of success she was living wasn't built on her terms.

She then launched her first business at 25, a yoga studio, then went on to build and exit a cold-pressed juice company and Canada's first soy-free vegan restaurant called "Karmah".

Every venture taught her not just how to lead, but how to endure, evolve, and expand.







Today, Ashley is the visionary CEO behind a powerhouse portfolio of global brands. She leads Maison De Land, a luxury creative agency serving high-level founders; Business Mastery Academy, the world's first ICF-accredited business coaching certification exclusively for women; Female FoundHer, a wearable movement making female entrepreneurship visible; Female FundHer, a funding and mentorship platform connecting women to capital, equity, and community; Founder's Haus, an educational ecosystem helping women scale from startup to six figures and beyond; Unreserved, a best-selling book turned global movement amplifying women rewriting the rules; and Fempire, a soon-to-air reality TV series that puts real funding into the hands of women founders.

Behind every brand is the same mission:

To put wealth, visibility, and decision-making power into the hands of women who were never meant to have it.

Ashley doesn't speak from theory. She speaks from lived experience, from building businesses out of heartbreak, healing, and vision.

She is what happens when a woman refuses to wait for permission.

As an award-winning entrepreneur, author, and executive producer, Ashley brings unapologetic truth, sharp strategy, and emotional resonance to every stage, page, and screen. Whether she's speaking to media, mentoring founders, or building the next global brand, she leads with legacy in mind.



# ASHLEY DELAND

CEO, Founder & Executive Producer

Ashley Deland is the founder and CEO behind a portfolio of powerful, purpose-driven brands that empower women, build legacy, and disrupt the outdated rules of business. Each company under her leadership is more than a business, it's a platform for impact, transformation, and visibility at scale.

#### MAISON DE LAND - FOUNDER & CEO

A luxury creative design house serving visionary founders and lifestyle brands. Maison De Land is known for crafting elevated brand identities and premium websites that blend aesthetic excellence with strategic depth.

#### **BUSINESS MASTERY ACADEMY - FOUNDER & CEO**

The world's first ICF-accredited business coaching certification exclusively for women.

BMA certifies coaches in mindset, method, and business building—equipping them to launch and grow six- and seven-figure coaching companies with confidence, credibility, and community.

#### FEMALE FOUNDHER - FOUNDER & CREATIVE DIRECTOR

A clothing brand and wearable movement that celebrates the bold, brilliant women building what others said was impossible. Female FoundHer makes female entrepreneurship visible—on the street, on the stage, and in the boardroom.







#### FEMALE FUNDHER - CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE CHAIR

A global mentorship and funding platform connecting female entrepreneurs to grants, microgrants, and equity-based investment. Female FundHer helps women get funded, mentored, and seen—especially those in second- and third-world countries or historically excluded markets.

#### FOUNDER'S HAUS - CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE CHAIR

An educational ecosystem helping women scale from startup to multi-six figures through mentorship, curriculum, and collaborative capital. Founder's Haus is where strategy meets sisterhood—and where real business growth begins.

#### UNRESERVED - LEAD AUTHOR & FOUNDER OF THE MOVEMENT

A globally recognized anthology, summit, and movement redefining what it means to lead and succeed as a woman. Unreserved features the raw, real, and powerful stories of 24 female founders, curated by Ashley to spark global change and conversation.

#### FEMPIRE (TV SERIES) - CREATOR, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER & INVESTOR

A reality TV series inspired by Female FundHer, Fempire brings women founders to the forefront—pitching their companies on-screen to secure funding, mentorship, and life-changing visibility. From concept to production, Ashley leads this cultural shift in how women and wealth are represented.



## ASHLEY DELAND

Strategic Business Advisor | CEO, Maison De Land

# A Thought Leader In Digital Marketing, Branding And Business Development

Ashley Deland is a Strategic Business Advisor for female founders who specializes in marketing, branding, and business development. She is also the Founder and CEO of Maison De Land, a full-service creative design house that supports lifestyle brands and founders alike through comprehensive done-for-you services.

With over a decade of experience, Ashley is a recognized expert in the field of business and has been featured in Forbes, INC, Entrepreneur, and currently sits on the Forbes Business Council for the third consecutive year.

Forbes Entrepreneur Nasdaq Inc.

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She was the Business Elites "Top 40 Under 40" winner in 2022, was recognized by Business World Magazine as "20 Under 40: Inspiring Leaders To Watch in 2023," nominated by The Women Empowerment Awards of Toronto for "Roger's Entrepreneur Of The Year" 2023, won "Best Female Entrepreneur In Canada" at The 2023 Stevie Awards For Women In Business, was nominated for the YWCA "Women of Distinction" awards 2024, and more recently was the winner of "The Female Business Leader Award" from The Business Excellence Awards of Burlington.



# BEST FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR IN CANADA

Stevie Award Winner 2023





## **WINNER**

"Best Female Entrepreneur in Canada"



# THE FEMALE BUSINESS LEADER

The Business Excellence Awards of Burlington





### **WINNER**

"The Female Business Leader Award"





# TOP 40 UNDER 40

Business Elite





### WINNER

Business Elite "Top 40 Under 40"



# FORBES BUSINESS COUNCIL MEMBER

for 3 Consecutive Years



2023

OFFICIAL MEMBER

# **Forbes**

Business Council

### **RECOGNIZED**

Forbes Business Council Member for 3 Consecutive Years



# YWCA "WOMEN OF DISTINCTION" AWARDS 2024

Nominated





### **NOMINATED**

for the YWCA "Women of Distinction" Awards 2024



# THE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AWARDS OF TORONTO FOR "ROGER'S ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR" 2023

Nominated





### **NOMINATED**

by The Women Empowerment Awards of Toronto for "Roger's Entrepreneur Of The Year" 2023



# NASDAQ SPEAKER

Selected As A Speaker For NASDAQ





**SPEAKER** 

Growth Capital That Doesn't Cost You



# OTHER RECOGNITIONS



### **RECOGNIZED**

by Business World
Magazine as one of the
"20 Under 40: Inspiring
Leaders to Watch in 2023"



### **RECOGNIZED**

Success Sisters "Top 40 Under 40 Trailblazer"



## MEDIA FEATURES

Press & Media



#### Feature on Becoming Iconic Magazine

A global business & lifestyle magazine that reaches over 500k entrepreneurs monthly.

# LAKESHORE

# Featured on the Cover of Lakeshore Living Magazine

One of the fastest-growing magazines in the industry with tens of thousands of advertisers and millions of monthly readers.

### **Forbes**

Unique Selling Propositions: What It Is, Why You Need One And How To Write Your Own

Ashley Deland | Forbes Councils Member

Consumers are savvy and spend time researching and evaluating their options before making a purchase decision, and you need your brand to stand out to gain their business.



# Female Founders: Ashley Deland Of Deland Marketing On The Five Things You Need To Thrive and Succeed as a Woman Founder

Candice Georgiadis | Published in Authority Magazine

As part of our series about "Why We Need More Women Founders", I had the pleasure of interviewing Ashley Deland.

### **Forbes**

# Understanding Pricing Strategies, Price Points And Maximizing Revenue

Ashley Deland | Forbes Councils Member

Pricing can be challenging for entrepreneurs. As a marketing and business consultant, I've seen that a pricing strategy that's too low can diminish profit margins, but pricing that's too high can deter customers.

#### AUTHORITY Presswri

Award Winning Business Coach, Ashley Deland, Shares Five Effective Tips For Marketing Your Local Business in 2019

Authority PressWire

Consumers are savvy and spend time researching and evaluating their options before making a purchase decision, and you need your brand to stand out to gain their business.

## UNRESERVED

Lead Author, Visionary & Founder of the Movement

**Unreserved** is a global best-selling anthology and movement, created and curated by Ashley Deland, that amplifies the voices of 24 powerhouse women who are redefining success, leadership, and legacy on their own terms.

Each chapter is a deep, unfiltered account of rising from challenge to clarity, from ambition to impact. These are not just stories—they're survival blueprints and strategic roadmaps for any woman who's ever felt like she didn't fit the mold.

The Unreserved movement began with a book and became an international summit, authors' dinner, and sold-out launch event that brought together founders, investors, creatives, and trailblazers from around the world.

Unreserved is not just a book—it's a movement. It has been featured across North America, continues to expand globally, and is being used as a resource for empowerment and education for women across industries.

As the lead author, Ashley's personal story—Rewriting the Rules of Business—anchors the movement in resilience, innovation, and powerful reinvention.







#### WHY IT MATTERS TO YOUR AUDIENCE:

Unreserved challenges the traditional business playbook and offers women new models for power, profitability, and purpose.

It resonates across generations—Gen Z to Gen X—because it's grounded in truth, not tactics.

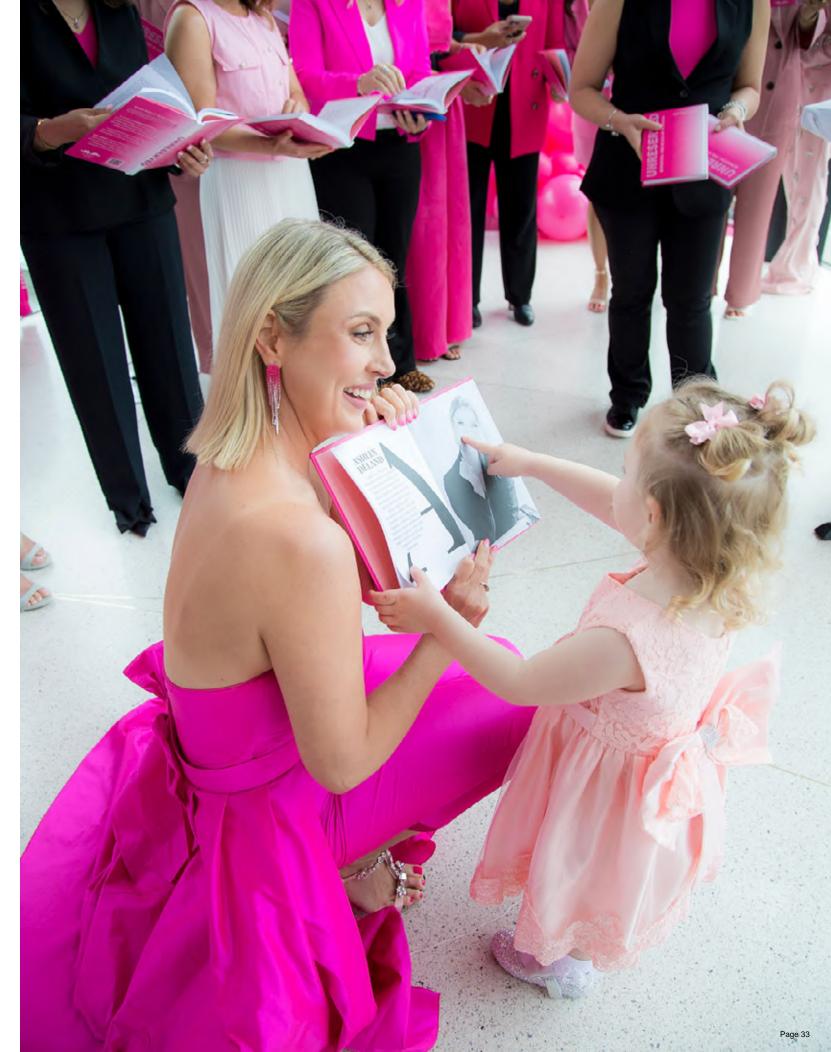
It's both emotionally gripping and practically inspiring—a rare combination that keeps audiences engaged long after the interview ends.

#### SUGGESTED INTERVIEW ANGLES:

"What Happens When Women Stop Asking for Permission: Inside the Unreserved Movement"

"From Pain to Power: Ashley Deland's Framework for Turning Adversity into Global Impact"

"Rewriting the Rules: The Female Founder's New Roadmap to Profitability and Legacy"



# FEMALE FOUNDER EVENTS

Host, Curator & Keynote Speaker

Ashley Deland is known for curating and commanding rooms filled with power, proximity, and purpose. As the visionary behind sold-out events, high-level retreats, and transformational summits, she creates spaces where female founders don't just learn, they evolve.

With a unique ability to blend strategy, soul, and sisterhood, Ashley has hosted and headlined gatherings across North America that unite women ready to scale, speak, and lead at legacy levels.

#### SIGNATURE EVENTS & APPEARANCES:

Unreserved Summit – Host & Keynote Speaker

A curated leadership experience featuring global thought leaders, angel investors, and trailblazing entrepreneurs.

#### **Unreserved Authors Dinner** – Host

A private evening honoring the legacy and leadership of Unreserved's 24 global authors.

**Unreserved Book Launch Party** – Host & Speaker

A luxury celebration that introduced Unreserved to the world, attracting top-tier media and powerhouse guests.

**The Female Founders Roundtable** – Curator & Speaker

Intimate, strategy-driven sessions focused on scaling impact, visibility, and revenue with precision and purpose.

**The Women Are Speaking** – Curator & Speaker

A storytelling and visibility event spotlighting the lived wisdom of high-performing women across industries.







#### SIGNATURE EVENTS & APPEARANCES:

Female Founder Speaker Series – Host & Speaker

Ongoing event platform elevating the voices of women redefining leadership through keynote talks, panels, and live mentorship.

#### Female Founder Elite Dinners - Host

Invite-only, high-touch dining experiences for industry leaders building brands that defy convention.

#### **The Millionairess Playbook** – Keynote Speaker

A premium business-building experience guiding women to scale from six to seven figures through strategic infrastructure, monetization, and brand elevation.

#### Rise Together: Pain Into Power - Speaker

An emotionally honest, business-forward event series empowering women to alchemize adversity into action and influence.

#### **Thrive Collective Retreat** – Keynote Speaker

A transformational retreat experience rooted in strategic visioning, brand evolution, and the collective power of women building enduring empires.

#### Keynote: Burlington Chamber of Commerce – Keynote Speaker

Shared her personal blueprint for entrepreneurial resilience and mindset mastery in a featured keynote to community business leaders.

Local Women's Shelter Workshops – Instructor & Facilitator

Designed and led training sessions for women rebuilding their businesses and their lives from the ground up.



## SIGNATURE TALKS

Public & Keynote Speaker

#### SIGNATURE SPEAKING TOPICS

#### From Pain to Power: Turning Adversity Into a 7-Figure Business

Ashley shares how to alchemize hardship into high-performance leadership, guiding women to build businesses from their scars—not in spit e of them, but because of them.

#### Rewriting the Rules of Business: Building What Others Can't Imitate

A call to redefine success on your own terms. This keynote dives into Ashley's philosophy on building brands with depth, originality, and lasting legacy—without playing by the old playbook.

#### The Millionairess Playbook: Scaling with Precision, Profit & Purpose

Designed for female founders ready to cross the million-dollar mark, Ashley teaches her signature method for scaling sustainably through infrastructure, clarity, and brand elevation.

#### Belief Is Built, Not Found

One of Ashley's most requested talks, this is a mindset-resetting keynote rooted in personal story and powerful reframes—showing women how to build unshakeable belief and make bold moves in business and life.

#### The Power of Proximity: Why the Right Room Changes Everything

This keynote speaks to the energy, expansion, and elevation that come from being surrounded by the right people—and how to create those rooms when they don't exist

#### Invisible to Iconic: Elevating Your Brand, Voice & Visibility

For entrepreneurs ready to step into the spotlight, this session teaches how to build a brand presence that commands respect, drives revenue, and leaves a legacy.

#### The Founder Identity Shift: From Hustling to Holding

Ashley breaks down the personal evolution required to lead a business that doesn't burn you out—but actually reflects your highest self. Think: less grind, more grounded greatness.





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# FEMALE FOUNDHER

Founder & Creative Director

Female FoundHer is more than a clothing line - it's a wearable movement. Designed by Ashley Deland, the brand exists to celebrate, elevate, and unify women who are building what others said was impossible. Every piece is a statement of identity, a symbol of ownership, and a nod to the bold, brilliant women rewriting the rules of business and life.

Born from the belief that visibility is power, Female FoundHer makes success something you can see - on the street, on the stage, in the boardroom. It's not about fashion. It's about founding something bigger than you and being seen doing it.

Each item carries the energy of the woman who wears it: unapologetic, purposeful, and wildly powerful. Female FoundHer reminds women that they are the brand, the blueprint, and the breakthrough.

Rooted in community and culture, the line has been featured at **national and international events**, including the **Unreserved Summit**, **Female Founder Elite Dinners**, and private **global business retreats**. It resonates with a worldwide network of entrepreneurs, speakers, creatives, and CEOs - women who are not waiting to be picked, but building their own tables across industries and borders.







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# FEMPIRE

#### Creator, Executive Producer & Investor

Fempire is a bold new reality television series created to shift culture—and capital—in favor of women entrepreneurs.

The original concept was born from the mind of Ashley Deland, who serves as full Executive Producer and one of four lead investors. Inspired by her platform Female FundHer, Ashley envisioned a show that wouldn't just entertain—it would redistribute power, money, and visibility to female founders building scalable, world-shifting businesses.

From ideation to execution, Ashley has led the development of Fempire—structuring the show's format, casting vision, and ensuring its core mission stays intact:

Get real money, real mentorship, and real opportunity into the hands of real women.

Unlike traditional startup series, Fempire isn't about gimmicks or drama—it's about strategic investment in women rewriting the rules of business. On camera and behind the scenes, Ashley champions the founders, advises on show development, and safeguards the integrity of a model built on legacy, not likes.

Fempire is where power meets purpose—and women finally get the funding, visibility, and ownership they deserve.







# SHE WEARS THE PANTS

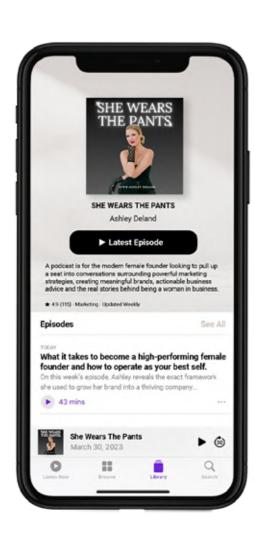
Podcast Host

She Wears the Pants is the podcast that celebrates and empowers female founders at every stage of their journey, from launching groundbreaking startups to scaling businesses and creating lasting legacies.

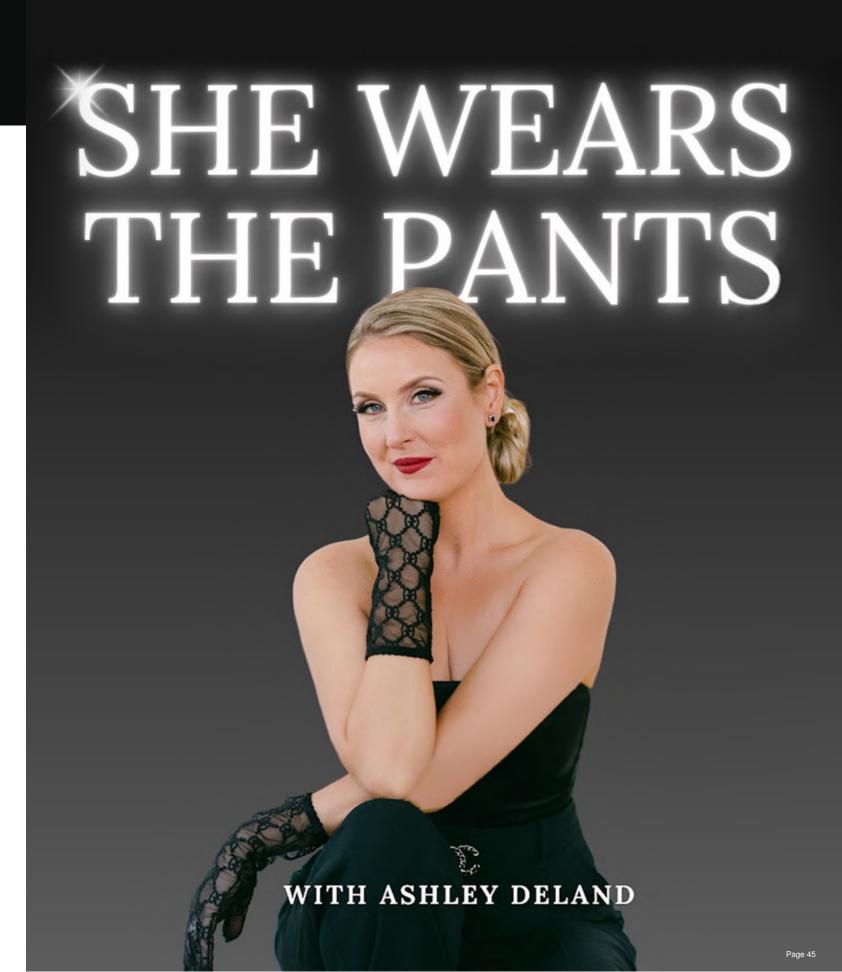
Hosted by Ashley Deland, a seasoned business advisor with over a decade of experience and a track record of driving over \$25 million in revenue for her clients, this podcast reveals the secrets and strategies to turn big ambitions into unstoppable achievements.

Each episode offers a dynamic blend of solo insights and conversations with change-catalysts, culture-shifters, and trailblazing leaders. Listeners gain exclusive access to real, behind-the-scenes stories of building successful businesses, along with proven strategies, tools, and insights to elevate both their business and life to new heights.

Join Ashley on a journey where together, they celebrate the achievements of remarkable women, find inspiration in those breaking new ground, and uncover actionable strategies to drive success and revenue.



She Wears the Pants is about more than just wearing the pants—it's about rewriting the rules and becoming unstoppable.



# COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Service in Action

Ashley Deland's entrepreneurial success is matched by her deep commitment to community.

She's not just building businesses—she's building ecosystems of support, opportunity, and long-term change for women across all walks of life.

From grassroots mentorship to national advocacy, Ashley brings her leadership to the spaces that need it most—bridging the gap between access and impact.

#### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

#### **Board Member - YWCA & Home Suite Hope**

Ashley has served on the Board of Directors for both the YWCA—supporting women and families through housing, advocacy, and employment programs—and Home Suite Hope, an organization that provides housing and holistic support to single mothers navigating poverty and homelessness.

#### Philanthropy Committee Member - YWCA

In addition to board service, Ashley contributes to long-term fundraising and philanthropic strategy to expand the YWCA's reach and sustainability.

#### Speaker & Business Advisor - Burlington Chamber of Commerce

Ashley regularly speaks to local entrepreneurs on business development, mindset, and scaling with purpose, and is a trusted voice in the city's professional ecosystem.

#### Member - 100 Women Who Care

Ashley participates in this giving circle of women committed to collectively funding impactful causes in the community.







#### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

#### Free Weekly Business-Building Workshops During the Pandemic

During COVID-19, Ashley delivered weekly virtual workshops to support women launching or pivoting their businesses, creating accessible education during economic uncertainty.

#### In-Person Business Trainings at Women's Shelters

Post-pandemic, she brought her expertise directly into local shelters, equipping women with tools to rebuild their confidence, their income, and their future.

#### **Unreserved Scholarships & Access Models**

Ashley ensures that every room she builds includes a seat for someone who otherwise wouldn't have access. She awarded **three scholarship positions** for the Unreserved book project, ensuring underrepresented voices were not only included—but elevated. Across her programs, retreats, and events, Ashley consistently offers **at least one scholarship seat** to a woman in need, reinforcing her belief that proximity should never be limited by privilege. These seats aren't just acts of generosity—they're intentional investments in the next generation of powerful women

#### 2025 Global Impact Expansion

Through Female FundHer and Business Mastery Academy, Ashley is now extending mentorship. funding access. and education to women in second- and third-world



### TESTIMONIALS

"That was hands down the most impactful keynote I've heard in years. Your insights were invaluable, and hiring you was one of the best decisions we made."

STEVEN NICKS, COMMERCE DESIGNS

"Ashley, your keynote was transformative. The depth of insight and guidance you provided helped us gain absolute clarity on our mindset, direction, and goals.

Your fresh, out-of-the-box perspectives were both refreshing and unique. It was a truly outstanding presentation."

STEPHANIE SAMPLES, VP OF COMMUNICATIONS AT ALLIANCE RESORTS

"The feedback from our attendees was overwhelmingly positive. You captivated the audience from start to finish, leaving them completely enthralled with every word. Your ability to engage and inspire is truly exceptional."

AMELIA LEVER, AVALON PRODUCTIONS

"You were amazing tonight. Thank you for having such structure to your speech. I got a lot of golden nuggets from you."

CHANTAL DAY, REALTOR

# COMMERCIAL & MODELLING

Experience

#### ACTING:



HAIRSPRAY (2006)





URBAN LEGENDS (2007)

#### MODELLING:

#### First Photoshoot:

At just 7 days old

#### Runway Modelling:

Began at 3 years old

#### Top Model:

Dominated the Montreal modelling scene for 3 consecutive years

#### Iconic Campaign:

Served as the face of "Ovol" for 16 years



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