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Exclusive Interview with
SHOBI BEAUTY

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A Sea of Dreams,
and a Garden of
Opportunities.

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FROM THE EDITOR

A Letter to You.

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To you,

This is our first print. And it is not lost on me what that means.

What you are holding began as a salon. A dream written on the walls of a space I believed in long before anyone else could see it. It became a school. It became a family. And this year — on our anniversary — it became this: a graduation, a ceremony, and a magazine that carries the spirit of every single person who walked through our doors, taught a lesson, took a chance, and chose to believe.

I was doubted by many. Questioned by some. But supported — deeply, unexpectedly — by key people who became the keys to doors I did not even know existed. Doors that are now open not only for me, but for every single person reading these words right now.

All the statistics were against me.

Woman. Immigrant. Mother. No finances.

But a dream. And a dedication to hard work.

None of this would be possible without God. I say that plainly and without apology. Because when the numbers said no, when the odds said impossible, when the voices asked who do you think you are — there was something greater that said keep going.

I listened. Dreams can come true. But only if you work. Only if you show up when it is hard, when it is quiet, when the sacrifice is real and no one is watching.

You build it anyway. That is the Contucci story. And now — it is yours too.



To my husband and my children — You have sacrificed time without me. You have shared me with Contucci and understood — even when it was hard — that serving others sometimes means choosing growth over convenience, presence over comfort, purpose over ease. You have never made me choose. That is a gift I do not take lightly. You are everything

Every building needs something underneath it that no one sees. These are my people — the ones who held the foundation while I built the walls.

Vann and Erin Duke — You did not just believe in Contucci — you invested in it at the highest level. What this school physically is today exists because of your generosity, your trust, and your willingness to see a vision when it was still just a conversation. You are the foundation beneath the foundation.



The Teachers — Those Who
Showed Me How to Invest in Others

*A great teacher does not just teach a subject.
They teach a person how to become.*

Before I could pour into others, someone poured into me. To every teacher in my life who went above and beyond — who taught me not just technique, but character, not just skill, but service — this school is the fruit of what you planted. You may never fully know the reach of a lesson well taught. But I do. And I carry it forward every single day.

To every instructor who has ever stood in front of a Contucci class and delivered a lesson — formally or informally, on the floor or in the classroom, in the easy moments and in the hard ones — you are this school. Not the building. Not the curriculum. You.



To those who stepped outside of their own careers to come and pour into our scholars your time is priceless. You did not have to show up. You chose to. And that choice changed something in every student in that room.

Yazmin Rodriguez — Thank you for always going above and beyond. Before During and after. Thank you for generously sharing your talent and your time with the Contucci family.



THE ONES WHO CAPTURED THE SPIRIT

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Ivan Garcia — You believed in these images and were able to capture them with the spirit of Contucci alive in every frame. Through your lens, you told our story in a way that words alone never could. You saw us.

Cristina Rivera — Day in and day out, you show up and capture the spirit of Contucci digitally — with consistency, care, and a genuine love for what this school stands for. You are the voice of Contucci to the world beyond these walls, and we are deeply grateful.



SALON PARTNERS — THOSE WHO OPENED
THEIR DOORS

Real education does not end in a classroom. It continues in the hands of working professionals who are willing to let students stand beside them and learn. These partners understood that and offered something no curriculum alone can give: experience.

Color Pop Salons & Todd Wise — You did more than open a door. You stood behind it and held it open when others might have let it close. Thank you for standing up for Contucci — that kind of loyalty is not forgotten.

Wild Roots — Your commitment to education and craft-driven excellence aligns perfectly with what we are building at Contucci. Thank you for being part of this journey.

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There is no event without the people who make it real. These sponsors did not just write a name on a check or loan a service — they made a statement. They said: we believe in this school, these scholars, and this community. That statement matters.

Sponsors — Those Who Made This Possible

The Law Office of Joe Rodriguez — Our Gold Sponsor and highest monetary contributor to the Sea of Dreams event. You invested in these scholars at a level that goes beyond generosity — it reflects a deep commitment to this community and to the future of the people in it. We are profoundly grateful.

Duke Medical — Your belief in Contucci and your support of our mission represents exactly the kind of community investment that changes outcomes.

Thank you for seeing the value in what we are building.

MedVendor — Thank you for standing behind Contucci and demonstrating that excellence in one field recognizes and lifts excellence in another.

Baker Business Park — For providing space, support, and a belief in local business that made Contucci's physical home possible. You are part of this story.

SHOBI Beauty — For your partnership in beauty education and your commitment to equipping professionals with what they need to succeed.

Drizzle It — For your presence, your generosity, and your sweet contribution to the Sea of Dreams experience. Thank you for showing up.

Midstream & Industrial Controls — Your support of a beauty school may surprise some people. To us, it is a perfect reflection of what community truly looks like — different worlds choosing to lift one another. Thank you.

Red Wire Productions — You gave us the one thing that no amount of planning can manufacture: atmosphere. The music, the energy, the feeling in that room — that was you. Thank you for bringing the sound of dreams to life.

Quick Snap — You have devoted yourself and submerged yourself in what Contucci is in order to give it a visual manifestation to the world and for that we are eternally grateful.

Institutional Partners & Community

Contucci does not exist in isolation. We are part of a larger community that chose to recognize, support, and invest in what we are doing here. These institutions and organizations represent the infrastructure of belief that surrounds this school.

HISD — Houston Independent School District — For recognizing the value of

career and technical education pathways that connect young people to the beauty industry early. Your partnership plants seeds that grow into careers.

TDLR — Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation — The standard you uphold is the standard we are proud to meet and exceed. Thank you for the framework that gives our graduates credentials that carry weight in the world.

The City of Baytown — For being a city that makes room for dreamers, for entrepreneurs, for schools like ours. Contucci is a Baytown story — and we are proud of that.

Hyatt Regency Baytown — For hosting the Sea of Dreams and wrapping our graduates in the luxury and elegance they have worked so hard to earn. This night deserved a beautiful home and you gave it to us.



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Kristen Howell & Wild Roots — You brought your craft, your energy, and your heart into our space and reminded our scholars what it looks like when a true professional is at work.

Yazmin Rodriguez — You have taken time from your home, from your Job to come and purchase in this building and behind closed doors when not everyone sees, you've seen. I myself haven't given up with your encouragement.

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TO THE SCHOLARS

Every single one of you who enrolled, who showed up, who kept going.

You are the reason.

Not the building. Not the licenses on the wall. Not the events or the programs or the magazine you are holding right now. You. Every single scholar who walked through that door, sat in that chair, picked up those tools, and chose to invest in themselves — you are the reason any of this exists. Some of you came in unsure. Some of you had never been told you were capable of something great. Some of you drove long distances, worked late, juggled children and jobs and life — and still showed up. That is not nothing. That is everything.

You enrolled when it was uncertain.

You stayed when it was hard.

You graduated when some said you wouldn't.

That is a Contucci Scholar.



To you — for being here. For believing in this. I hope it inspires you. As it has inspired me.

Everyone on these pages holds a high value to what Contucci is. May you be inspired. May it lift you up. And may you go outside of your comfort to reach those dreams that have been deposited in you.

Because Contucci isn't for me.

It's for others.

You did not just earn a license.

You proved — to yourself and to everyone watching —

that you are the kind of person who finishes what they start.

Contucci was never built for me to stand at the front of. It was built for you to walk through. For you to grow in. For you to leave from — more equipped, more confident, more ready than the day you arrived. To those who graduated today — the world is waiting.

Not for perfection. For you. Exactly as you are, with everything you now carry in your hands and your heart. To those still on the journey — keep going.

The finish line is real. I have seen it. And it is worth every hard day that came before it.

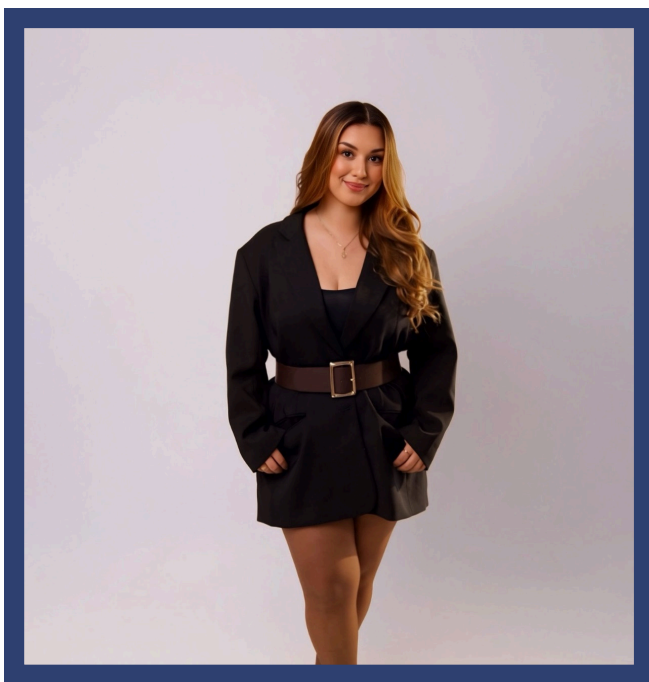
With love and purpose,

Viviana Carpelino

Founder, Owner & Education Director

Contucci Salons & Education

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THE MIND BEHIND SHOBI BEAUTY

INTERVIEW WITH MELANIE CASTILLO | PHOTOGRAPHY BY QUICK SNAP

After building Shobi Beauty from a simple way to survive college into a mission-driven platform for education and mentorship, Melanie Castillo is now helping shape the next generation of beauty professionals. We sat down with her to talk about her journey, her philosophy on education, and the purpose behind her work.

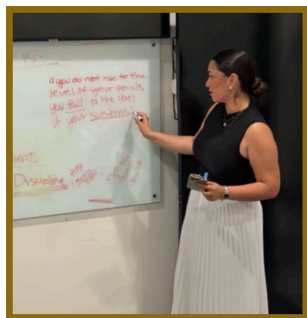


Melanie Castillo
Redefining Beauty Education

Founder of Shobi Beauty
 Lash Educator and supplier | Contucci
 Eyelash Department Director
 Co-Editor

*Melanie Castillo has never
 been the type to accept
 things at face value.*

**"The beauty industry is full of some
 of the most *passionate* and *creative*
 people i've ever met. My mission is
 to make sure their talent is never
 limited by lack of education.**



Long before she was teaching beauty professionals how to build real careers, she was studying people—how they think, how they react under pressure, and what actually drives someone to change their life. Her background stretches across psychology, emergency medical training, and business development, disciplines that most people would never expect to intersect with the beauty industry.

What started as a practical way to survive college—doing lash services to pay her bills—quickly turned into something *much* bigger. Sitting across from clients day after day, she began to notice a pattern. The beauty industry was overflowing with creativity, drive, and raw talent, yet many of the people inside it were operating without the kind of education, structure, or mentorship that other professions take for *granted*.

Melanie Castillo | Shobi Beauty

The Conversation

We sat down with her to talk about the story behind Shobi Beauty, the philosophy that drives her work, and the experiences that shaped her path.

“What is Shobi Beauty, and what inspired you to create it?”

For me, it began with a realization about standards. Lash artistry was how I supported myself through school, so it wasn't a casual pursuit—it was the mechanism through which I was sustaining my life and education. When something carries that level of responsibility, you begin evaluating it with a very different lens. I started to recognize that an industry capable of providing real economic opportunity was often operating *without* the same level of structure, education, or professional development expected in other fields. That observation stayed with me. Shobi Beauty ultimately became my response to that gap, the belief that **if an industry has the power to change someone's life, it deserves to be treated with that level of seriousness.**



“You could have continued to build your career independently—what made you choose to join Contucci?”

Independence *can* be powerful, but scale almost **always** requires collaboration. What made Contucci compelling to me was alignment of vision. We shared a belief that beauty education should operate with the same seriousness, rigor, and professionalism as any other field of study.

More importantly, our strengths *complemented* each other. **Sustainable growth rarely comes from one perspective—it comes from bringing together people who think differently but are unified by the same objective.** That alignment made the partnership *strategic* rather than simply convenient.

“What would you say to someone debating whether to invest in their professional license instead of trying to learn everything on their own?”

The question most people frame around cost is actually a question about time. Time is the most valuable resource *any* professional has. You can certainly attempt to piece together knowledge independently, but structured education dramatically shortens the learning curve. **When people choose not to invest in education, they often underestimate the opportunity cost of years spent navigating avoidable mistakes.** Proper training doesn't just provide information—it accelerates the path to competency and confidence.

“How has education and mentorship shaped the way you guide others entering the industry?”

Mentorship reshaped the way I understand business *entirely*. The more I studied leadership, psychology, and personal development, the more I realized that success rarely begins with technical skill—it begins with how someone thinks. **Discipline, self-awareness, and the willingness to continuously learn are the qualities that ultimately determine longevity in any profession.** That perspective influences the way I teach. My goal is not simply to transfer a skill, but to help people develop the mindset required to sustain a career.

“When you feel tired or stretched thin, what reminds you why you started?”

I think about the responsibility that comes with influence. The beauty industry attracts people who are deeply creative and entrepreneurial, but creativity alone is rarely enough to sustain long-term success. What keeps me grounded is remembering that the work we’re doing *isn’t* just about services or aesthetics—it’s about helping people build stability and ownership over their lives. When you view your work through *that* lens, **fatigue becomes secondary to the mission.**

Melanie Castillo | Shobi Beauty



“Beyond the work and the titles, who is Melanie Castillo, and what truly fills her cup?”

At my core, I’m someone deeply curious about how people and systems evolve. **Psychology, philosophy, and nature have always fascinated me because they reveal patterns—patterns of growth, resilience, and adaptation.** I find fulfillment in observing those principles and then applying them to the way I build businesses and mentor others. For me, the most meaningful work is when professional success and personal curiosity intersect.

For Melanie Castillo, the goal has never simply been success within the beauty industry—it has been raising the standard of what success in that industry should look like.



Joe Ray Rodriguez



A new generation of Leaders who serve

What moment in your career made you want to give up, but your dedication pushed you through?

I have faced adversity, but i've never wanted to give up Being a lawyer means carrying the responsibility of people who trust you during some of the hardest moments of their lives. The pressure is not negative, it gives me purpose. i use it as fuel to work harder and fight for the results my clients are looking for.

“More importantly, I've always wanted to serve my community.”
- Joe Ray Rodriguez

What inspired you to pursue a career in law and serve your community?

I wanted to be a lawyer since I was a child. I had an uncle who was a lawyer and I really looked up to him. As I grew older and learned about famous lawyers like Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson in school, it excited me and strengthened my belief that this was the career for me. I've always seen the practice of law as a noble and challenging profession. More importantly, I've always wanted to serve my community. Helping people through some of the hardest moments in their lives brings me purpose, and being a lawyer allows me to do that.

What advice would you give to young professionals just starting their journey?

My advice to young professionals just starting out is simple: Keep moving forward, little by little, every single day. Understanding that success is a long process. Nothing meaningful happens overnight. Also, having long term vision for your career, whatever path you choose. It takes learning, practice, trial and error, and yes, even failure, to figure out what works best for you. Remember, growth comes from experience. What I think is most important is having faith in yourself. Believe in your vision, stay patient, and keep taking steps forward everyday. Consistency over time is what builds real success.

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Tell us about a time when giving back to the community changed your perspective.

One of the moments that truly changed my perspective was during one of our Christmas toy giveaways.

Seeing the look on kids' faces when they received something they might not otherwise have had, that feeling stays with you.

What changed my perspective wasn't just the giving,

it was realizing how far even a small act of help can go for a family. Sometimes what feels small to us can mean everything to someone else.

Giving back isn't something we do occasionally. It is part of who we are, and it is something we will keep doing for as long as we are in business.



How do you balance your successful legal practice with your commitment to helping others?

I actually believe our legal practice is successful because of our commitment to helping others. When clients truly feel that we're on their side and genuinely care about helping them, that creates trust. And trust builds results. When people feel respected and treated fairly, they tell their friends and family. That's how a law firm grows, organically and the right way. I've always believed that the energy you put into this world comes back to you. So we treat every client like they're our most important client. Helping others isn't separate from our success, it's the reason for it.



**Sandra Harry
owner of Just
Drizzle it, LLC.**



**Tell us about Just Drizzle It
— what inspired
you to start this business,
and where did it all begin?**

Just Drizzle It actually started as a way to raise funds for our church. What began as a small idea quickly grew when people started asking us to bring the cart to birthday parties and events.

Once I saw the potential, I realized it could be more than just a side project. I thought it would be a great way for the teenagers in my family to earn money on weekends while still focusing on school. I also wanted to create opportunities for others who may only be able to work weekends or need a little extra income. What started with a simple purpose has now grown into something that brings people together while creating opportunities for others along the way.

**What is one piece of advice you would give
to someone thinking about starting a
creative or event-based business?**

My advice is to just start, even if it feels small. Test your ideas, learn as you go, and focus on creating experiences people will remember. Consistency, passion, and showing up for your clients will take you further than perfection ever will.

Put your heart into everything you do!

**What types of services and experiences does
Just Drizzle It offer?**

Walk us through what makes each one special.

Just Drizzle It offers a fun, interactive cart experience for parties, markets, and community events. We serve mini pancakes, waffle sticks, elote, Maruchan, dirty sodas, and other customizable treats made fresh on site. What makes it special is the experience, guests get to watch their food being made, choose their toppings, and enjoy something unique that brings a fun, memorable touch to any event.

**Every entrepreneur has a moment where they almost
stepped back — what was yours, and what kept you
moving forward?**

Like many entrepreneurs, there were moments where I questioned if it was all worth it, especially when balancing a full-time career, family, and the business. There are long days, late nights, and times when you don't always see the support you expected.

But what kept me going was the bigger vision. I knew this could create opportunities for others, especially teenagers and people who need extra income on weekends. Seeing the business grow, the community support, and the smiles at events reminded me why I started and pushed me to keep going.



-Just Drizzle It.

“For me, it's about more than just serving food. Anyone can sell a product, but creating an experience is about the feeling people leave with.”

—Sandra Harry



Let us Drizzle your next event!

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MINI CAKE BAR

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All services come with

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Why did you want to be part of the Sea of Dreams Graduation Expo, and what does supporting young women in their careers mean to you?

I wanted to be part of the Sea of Dreams Graduation Expo because I love supporting spaces that celebrate growth, dreams, and new beginnings. As someone who believes in creating opportunities, it means a lot to be around young women who are stepping into their careers and discovering their potential. Supporting them means encouraging them to dream big, work hard, and know they're capable of building something for themselves.

What do you want our graduates to know about entrepreneurship, creativity, and betting on yourself?

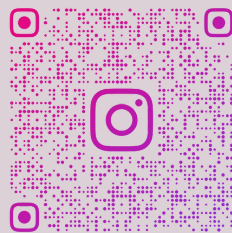
I want graduates to know that entrepreneurship is about courage, creativity, and trusting yourself. Take risks, believe in your ideas, and stay consistent. your hard work can turn dreams into reality.

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What does it mean to you to create an experience, not just a product?
How do you think about the feeling you are creating for people?

For me, it's about more than just serving food. Anyone can sell a product, but creating an experience is about the feeling people leave with. I want guests to enjoy the moment..! love people's reactions to the cart experience, seeing adults excited like children when they see the mini pancakes being made is priceless. It's about creating memories, not just serving dessert.



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MedVendor is a real-time medical information platform that connects medical professionals with auxiliary service providers. It serves two main audiences:

For Medical Professionals & Case Managers:

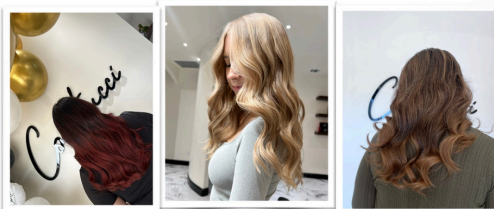
- Streamlines patient discharging by making it easy to find auxiliary services
- Confirms which companies cover a patient's specific zip code
- Improves efficiency for Case Management's daily workflows
- Simplifies finding services for both caregivers and facilities

For Medical Companies:

- Gets their information directly in front of the medical professionals who matter most.
- Provides a digital marketing channel at a time when in-person
- Access to medical personnel is limited
- Delivers sales rep contact info to target accounts by territory.
- Offers a shareable company page and forms that can be Sent to patients or caregivers instantly

The platform is free for medical professionals and public users.

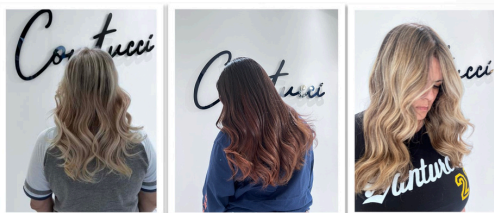
It's essentially a real-time directory and marketing tool that cuts out the guesswork of googling for auxiliary medical services , ensuring the information is current, relevant, and verified.



.GOOD HAIR



.GOOD MOOD



.GOOD DAY

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THE COVER

FEATURED ARTIST



DANIELA JUAREZ

CONTUCCI Salons & Education

For this cover, we set out with one clear intention: to push the boundaries of beauty artistry and let the work speak for itself. At Contucci, we have always believed that makeup is more than a service — it is a craft, a form of expression, and when executed with mastery, it becomes art.

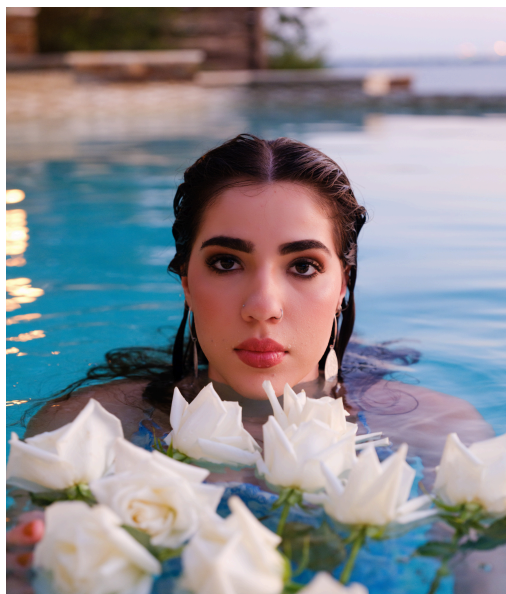
Our founder and director, Viviana Carpelino, envisioned a shoot that would challenge our artists and showcase what is truly possible in the hands of someone deeply skilled and genuinely passionate about their work. The result is what you see on this cover — bold, breathtaking, and entirely intentional.

At Contucci, we have had the privilege of working with Graftobian professional makeup for over 12 years. We have witnessed firsthand the staying power of these products through long wedding days, emotional ceremonies, and countless unforgettable moments. But for this shoot, we wanted to take it further than we ever had before.

We challenged ourselves with something extraordinary — a full poolside editorial session lasting over 10 hours, designed to test the limits of artistry and product performance under real-world conditions. What you see in these images is the result of that challenge.

Through heat, humidity, and hours of shooting alongside the water, the makeup remained completely flawless from the very first frame to the very last. Not a single touch-up. Not a single compromise.

The results were stunning — and the proof is right here on this cover.



BEHIND THE LENSE

IVAN GARCIA

What makes Ivan Garcia Unique?

We are a husband and wife team who loves to wow our clients with gorgeous photos of themselves. We've worked with many couples have never modeled in front of a camera or worked with professional photographer. That warm feeling we get inside when they first see the images and hearing how much they love their photos is what we strive for.

If there was anything you could say to a young photographer that would save them time, What would you say?

Learn to see the light in front of you and don't overcomplicate things with too much equipment. I had brought plenty of lights, stand and modifiers just in case I needed them. Although as soon as I got to see the sun light in the areas for the photos, I decided to leave everything in the trunk of my car. I knew that we needed to work quickly and setting up more equipment would also have slowed me down too much. There was one instance that I needed a bit of light and I just used a hand held led to see enough details in the faces of the models. Other than that, all the natural light was just perfect the entire evening, even indoors.

We had such a great time working with you on this spread, what was your favorite part?

The photoshoot in the pool was our favorite part of the day. Working with the model while she was swimming around and posing for the camera during sunset was absolutely gorgeous!



IVAN GARCIA



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Clients can reach us through our website at:

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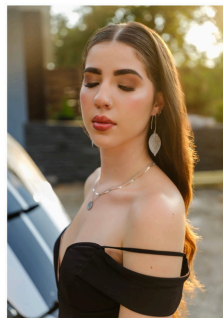
To view and keep up with most recent work, They can also follow us on social media.

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Contucci Tip:
If you decide to become a Contucci

bride, we can help coordinate shoot times and locations so you don't have to!



BEHIND THE LENSE

REDWIRE

PRODUCTIONS

What is your name and what is your role at Redwire Productions?

My name is Jose Martinez and I am the owner, DJ, master of ceremonies, and event coordinator at Redwire Productions.

How long have you been in the DJ and event production business, and what inspired you to start?

I have been in the industry since December 2008. This journey began from my deep passion for music and as a way to bond with my father through our shared love for it. What started as a personal connection to music eventually grew into a career dedicated to creating unforgettable experiences for others.

What types of events do you specialize in, and what makes your style unique as a DJ?

I specialize in a wide variety of events including weddings, quinceañeras, and corporate celebrations. What sets me apart is that I don't just mix the music — I serve as the master of ceremonies while managing sound and lighting to ensure every moment flows seamlessly.

In your own words, describe what Redwire Productions is all about — the vibe, the mission, the brand.

At Redwire Productions we understand that special celebrations only happen once, and there are no do-overs — so I take pride in making sure every event is done right and becomes a memorable, energetic experience for everyone involved.

How did you hear about Contucci Salons & Education, and what made you want to sponsor this event?

I heard about Contucci through a close friend who spoke very highly of it. It ended up being a small world because I already knew of Viviana and had seen her work before. Seeing how much she has grown professionally and achieved one of her dreams is inspiring, especially because she's now opening doors and creating opportunities for others.

What does it mean to you to support a school and community like Contucci?

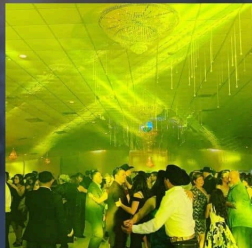
Supporting Contucci means investing in students and the community that helps them grow. As the husband of an educator, I've seen firsthand how important it is for schools to have the resources and support needed to help students thrive.

You chose to give your time and talent rather than a monetary contribution — why is showing up in person so important to you?

I take pride in being part of special moments like quinceañeras and weddings, so being present for this graduation feels exactly the same. I want to be part of the experience and celebrate the growth at Contucci. There are many talented professionals in my field, so being considered for this event truly means a lot to me.

SERVICES OFFERED

Dj | Lighting | Cold Sparklers | Dancing in the Clouds | Custom Monogram Projection | Uplighting | Shot Cart | Marquee Letters



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- Professional DJ
- Premium Sound & Lighting
- Dancing in the Clouds
- 2 Cold Spark Machines
- Custom Name Projection
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Event Add-Ons

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- Robot Show
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- Maruchan Cart
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- Shot Cart

Houston, TX

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Cristina Conrado

Your Behind every beautiful moment at Contucci is a lens that sees what others miss. Cristina Conrado is not just our photographer and videographer — she is the keeper of our story.

She walks through these halls with intention, capturing the growth, the passion, and the real moments that make this school what it is.

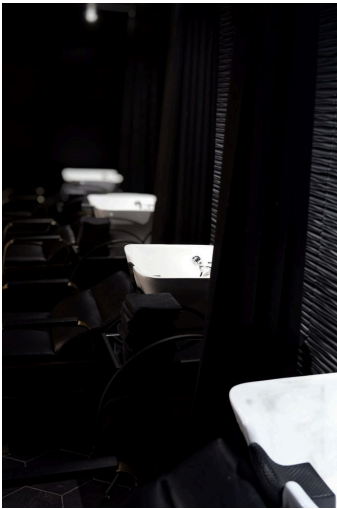
Cristina brings a rare combination of artistry and presence to everything she creates. Her work doesn't just capture images — it tells the story of who we are and where we're going.

She documents the day-to-day magic of Contucci with precision, care, and an eye that turns ordinary moments into something lasting.

We are grateful for her talent, her heart, and the way she makes every scholar feel seen. We are honored to have her as part of this community, and we look forward to every story she continues to tell for us.

- Viviana Carpelino

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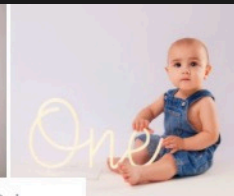
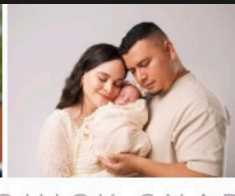
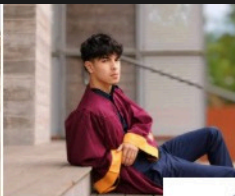
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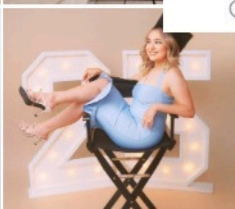
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By Jannet Guillen

A Heartfelt Thank You to Blooming Creations

Some gestures speak louder than words – and the beautiful flower sashes gifted to our scholars for outstanding performance said everything. Thank you to Blooming Creations for your generous sponsorship and for honoring our scholars in such a meaningful, elegant way. Your blooms didn't just decorate a moment they crowned an achievement.

We are deeply grateful for your support of the next generation of beauty professionals at Contucci Salons & Education.

With gratitude, The Contucci Family



How do you manage to do what you love, and also be present for your family?

Life is all about prioritizing and balance. In order to stay present with both family & business being able to schedule around my family has work perfectly for me it certainly does get challenging when either both business or family demand more time. However, this is where it is so important to have the support of those around you your inner circle. Therefore I'm very thankful to have a family who's always there to help in any way.

We loved having you work with us on your shoot for this spread! What made you go with this theme?

Thank you it's always a pleasure to come to together with others who are very goal oriented & determined. The theme was choose due to a few pictures, time and place that we received this is also a theme that we're looking to offer to brides who may not have nothing in particular in mind but are looking to keep it simple yet elegant.



Tell us, what more you offer?

We not only offer bridal services but daily fresh flower deliveries in Houston and surrounding cities.

How can Customers reach you?

Customers could reach us through our social media accounts @ Blooming Creations by Janet Guillen or by emailing us at janetscreationsandmore@yahoo.com

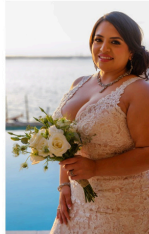


When did you begin your Journey with flowers?

My journey with flowers as a business began six years ago.

How did you know this was something you wanted to focus on as a business?

As a child I naturally was gravitated towards them. It was as if found not only the beauty but comfort in the nature of a flower. Focusing on what I already loved and had a passion for made it easy for me to decide to start my business journey as a florist.





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Nicole Gabriela Hey

Real Estate Professional

Greater Houston Area · Mont Belvieu · Baytown

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ENGLISH

I am a dedicated real estate professional proudly serving the Greater Houston area, with a strong focus on Mont Belvieu and Baytown. With over 5 years of experience, I specialize in new construction homes, helping families navigate the buying and selling process with confidence. Fluent in English and Spanish, I am passionate about serving a diverse community, ensuring every client feels informed, supported, and empowered. I believe every transaction is guided with purpose — trusting that God leads me in helping families find not just a house, but a place to build a better life. My love for interior design allows me to help clients see the full potential in every home.

“For me, it’s not just about selling a house — it’s about helping families build a better life.”

ESPAÑOL

Soy agente de bienes raíces y sirvo con orgullo al área de Houston, con un enfoque especial en Mont Belvieu y Baytown. Con más de 5 años de experiencia, me especializo en casas de nueva construcción, ayudando a familias a encontrar el hogar perfecto. Hablo inglés y español con fluidez, lo que me permite servir a una comunidad diversa. Creo firmemente que Dios guía cada uno de mis pasos. Para mí, no se trata solo de vender una casa — sino de ayudar a las familias a construir una mejor vida. Además, mi pasión por el diseño de interiores me permite ayudar a los clientes a visualizar todo el potencial de un hogar.

“Para mí, no se trata solo de vender una casa — se trata de ayudar a las familias a construir una mejor vida.”

-Nicole Gabriela Hey

Did You Know?

With many new construction homes, buyers can take advantage of incredible incentives. Some builders offer special financing with interest rates starting as low as 3.2%, and may contribute up to 6% toward closing costs making homeownership more affordable than ever.

¿Sabías que?

Con muchas casas de nueva construcción, los compradores pueden aprovechar incentivos increíbles. Algunos constructores ofrecen tasas de interés desde solo 3.2% y pueden contribuir hasta un 6% para los costos de cierre — haciendo más accesible el sueño de tener casa propia.

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“Luxury was never supposed to be far away — it was always right here, waiting on the bay.”

A RETREAT REIMAGINED

There is a quiet magic that happens the moment you step into the Hyatt Regency Baytown. The lobby opens with intention — cool, unhurried, elegant — and for a brief, beautiful moment, the rest of the world simply falls away. You are no longer in traffic. You are somewhere that feels, unmistakably, designed for you.

Nestled along the shimmering edge of Galveston Bay, this is not just a hotel — it is a full sensory exhale. The kind of experience most people believe requires a long drive into Houston. And yet, here it is. Right in our community. A genuine luxury escape that belongs to Baytown. The guest rooms are an invitation to slow down completely. Beds are nothing short of magnificent — plush, cloud-like, dressed in crisp linens that cradle you into a sleep so deep you'll question why you ever rushed mornings at all. Every detail speaks a language of calm: warm lighting, curated comfort, and views that open onto the water like a living painting.

THE TABLE & THE CHEF

If the rooms are the whisper, the dining experience is the conversation worth having. The culinary team approaches each plate with a reverence that is rare and immediately felt. This is not hotel food — this is a chef with a point of view, with technique, with an understanding that a meal is a memory in the making.

Breakfast alone is reason enough to stay. Unhurried, beautifully plated, and served with the kind of attentiveness that makes you feel like the only guest in the room. Fresh flavors, warm breads, and the soft glow of morning light over the bay make every bite feel like the first real breath of the day.

As the evening deepens, the bar becomes its own destination. Thoughtfully crafted cocktails, a curated wine list, and the gentle hum of ambient music settle into the soul. Whether unwinding solo or lingering with someone you love, the bar at the Hyatt Regency offers the atmosphere most people drive an hour to find.

SERVICE, AMBIANCE & THE BAY

What elevates a beautiful space into a transformative experience is always the people within it. The service at the Hyatt Regency Baytown is warm without being performative, attentive without being intrusive. The staff carries a quiet professionalism that anticipates before you ask, and remembers after you leave.

The ambiance does something rare: it holds you. The interiors are refined without being cold, sophisticated without losing soul. Natural light pours through generous windows and reflects off the bay in shifting golds and silvers throughout the day, wrapping around you like something earned.

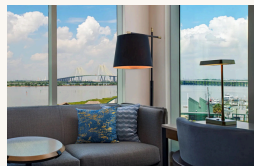
And then there is the view. Our Bay stretches wide and unhurried just beyond the glass — a reminder that beauty, like luxury, has always been closer than we think. No commute. No compromise. Just the bay, the food, the service, and the quiet thrill of discovering everything you were looking for was here all along.



THE STAY
Heavenly beds & waterfront views



THE TABLE
Chef-driven cuisine & craft cocktails



THE LOCATION
Baytown, Texas



Anahita, RN

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NATURAL BEAUTY & INTENTION

In the heart of Baytown, Texas, something quietly extraordinary is taking shape. Lumina Wellness & Aesthetics was born from a simple but powerful belief — that true beauty and genuine wellness are not separate pursuits. They are the same journey, seen from different angles.

At the helm of this vision is Anahita, a registered nurse whose passion for holistic health goes far beyond clinical care. With years of experience in both medical and aesthetic settings, Anahita brings a uniquely informed perspective to every client she sees, one that honors the whole person, not just the surface.

A NEW VISION FOR WELLNESS

Lumina's philosophy is rooted in the idea that everyone's path to wellness is uniquely her own.

Rather than offering a one-size-fits-all approach, Anahita and her team take the time to truly understand each client's lifestyle, goals, and health history before crafting a personalized plan. From advanced skin and aesthetic treatments that restore and rejuvenate, to IV therapy and hydration infusions that replenish the body from within — every service at Lumina is thoughtfully designed to work with your natural beauty, not against it.

For Anahita, the most rewarding moments come when a client looks in the mirror and sees not just a change in their appearance, but a reflection of how they feel inside — rested, radiant, and restored.

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Replenish, restore, and revitalize from the inside out with custom infusion therapy.

Skin & Aesthetic Treatments

Expertly tailored skin care that celebrates and enhances your natural radiance.

Hormone & Wellness Plans

Personalized hormone balancing and wellness protocols designed for your life.

Holistic Lifestyle Planning

A whole-body approach to health, beauty, and longevity — curated just for you.

"My goal is to help women in our community feel seen, supported, and genuinely cared for — not just treated."

— Anahita, RN · Lumina Wellness & Aesthetics

Lumina Wellness & Aesthetics is accepting new clients in Baytown, Texas. To schedule a consultation with Anahita and begin your personalized wellness journey, reach out today.

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