



2024 Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker Sharina Perry Bio



Sharina Perry - Founder/ Inventor - Utopia Plastix; CEO, Managing Partner - Utopia Model Companies

Sharina Perry is an entrepreneur with more than 25 years of experience establishing and running national businesses. Sharina is the founder and inventor of Utopia Plastix, a plant-based alternative to petroleum-based polymers. Sharina is also the originator and developer of The Utopia Model, a sustainable ecosystem business model. She is well regarded as an innovator, strategist, and unconventional thinker. She is often praised for her exceptional capacity to foster creative thinking, effective execution, and deliberate leadership.

Aside from her successful career, Sharina holds a significant number of leadership, management, and business development certifications. Sharina holds an expert certification in Sustainable Strategies and Circular Economics. Her education includes, but is not limited to, The University of Oklahoma and Cambridge Judge Business School. Sharina also owns registered global patents and trademarks.

Sharina serves on the Oklahoma Governors Minority Business Council as chair of the Business Engagement Committee. Sharina was also a key committee member for the initiative leading to the passage of HB 2365; the first Supplier Diversity Program within the state of Oklahoma focused on aiding in the advancement of minority and underserved small business owners.

In 2023, Sharina was appointed to the Oklahoma District Export Council by the US Secretary of Commerce. Sharina serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business Multicultural Business Program. She also serves on the Executive Board for Hough Ear Institute.

Sharina was instrumental in contributing her knowledge, insights, and expertise when the City of Oklahoma City convened community leaders and stakeholders when creating an economic resilience and recovery plan post Covid.

Sharina is a founding committee member for the Oklahoma City Innovation District. Sharina led the drafting of the resolution passed unanimously by the OKC Council to bring Public, Private and Educational Institutions together to address STEM and Workforce Development within the historically black area on the east side of Oklahoma City.

Throughout her illustrious career, Sharina has received numerous awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide. Sharina was listed as Forbes's Top 10 Women to Watch in 2023 (globally). Sharina was also featured in September 2023 on the iconic Nasdaq Billboard in NYC Times Square as the Inventor of the Year.

Shaina is a TEDx and International Keynote Speaker. Sharina has also been awarded:

2024 Top Sustainable Strategies and Circular Economics Expert by IAOTP (International Association of Top Professionals)

2024 Most Innovative Plastic Alternative CEO

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2023 Oklahoma Innovator of the Year

2023 Metro's Most Influential

2023 Distinguished Service Visionary Award

2021 Vanguard Award for Environmental Excellence

2022 and 2023 Oklahoma's Most Powerful and Innovative Women

2022 Most Influential Young Professionals

2022 Businesswoman of the Year

2023 Woman of the Year

2022 Supreme Excellence Dignitary Award

2022 Brainz 500 Global Influential Leaders

2023 Top Inventor of the Year by the International Association of Top Professionals

2022 Top 5 Climate and Green Influencers

2023 Black Corporate Leader in Climate and Clean Tech

2022 Featured as an Eco-Hero by Woman's Day Magazine