49th Annual Business and Tourism Conference Learners & Leaders Igniting Success Mount Saint Vincent University's Annual Business and Tourism Conference Proudly Presenting our Alumni Panelists





Alison Carpenter, Accounting Manager, Graphite Innovation & Technologies Inc.

I graduated from MSVU in 2019. I worked for an insurance management firm throughout the CPA program, getting my CPA early in 2022. I now work for Graphite Innovation & Technologies Inc. (GIT). GIT is a leading sustainable coatings company that is propelling transformation in the marine, shipping and maritime transportation sectors. GIT offers a full range of durable yet easy-to-apply marine coatings that solve industry challenges in meeting aggressive regulatory measures. The XGIT line of graphene-based coatings delivers fuel efficiency, drives decarbonization and reduces

underwater noise emissions, helping ship operators reach optimal vessel performance while achieving sustainability goals.

Dave Reynolds, CEO & Founder, The Rumin8 Group Inc.

Dave Reynolds is an author and entrepreneur with more than 15 years of business development experience ranging from launching and developing new products (On Dragons Den), market entry strategies, performance management, and customized learning and development strategies for companies around the world! He works closely with executive teams to align culture and leadership, achieving transformational results . Starting out in the Real Estate and Mortgages as a performance coach, we have been helping teams and individuals find better processes, accountability, structure to double and triple their yearly revenue! The



Rumin8 Group has been working intensively on succession planning for more than five years with a diversified client base that extends globally. Rumin8 Group strives to identify the most effective organizational structure and connects this to individual and teams growth and retention plans. The Rumin8 Group equips organizations with the skills to successfully lead their teams into the future, add clarity to each employee's role and contributions to the objectives, and build a culture that promotes knowledge retention and attraction. The Rumin8 Group's goal with every partnership is to be able to take them from where they are to where they want to be at any stage of business!



Solitha Shortte, CEO, Soli Productions Management Inc.

Soli Productions opened in March 2018 and specializes in Runway Productions, Brand Promotion and Model Development/Coaching. Under the leadership and expertise of Owner and Creative Director Solitha Shortte; with over ten years of experience as an International Fashion model, runway coach and runway production coordinator. She is changing the narrative in the industry by taking a new approach to the fashion scene, emphasizing the need for more diversity in our celebration and promotion of beauty standards.

Gideon Sing, Assistant General Manager, Le Rouge Group

I graduated from MSVU in 2018 with a bachelor's in Tourism and Hospitality Management. I've been in the industry for nearly 10 years now and started it all through the Co-op program. My experience in the F&B field spans from restaurants, banquets, catered events, boats, weddings and night clubs. The majority of my experience has been right here in Halifax except my very first Co-op where I worked at Intercontinental Hotel in Hong Kong. I started off in industry as a support worker and eventually worked my way up to management and attained my first General Manager position at the age of 22. I currently am the Assistant General



Management at Le Rouge Bold Grill and Cocktails located in Bayer's Lake which only opened up in June of 2022 attached to the new Halifax Tower Hotel.

