

# MEET THE SPEAKERS

## MORNING PANELISTS



**Angela Caraway**, a native of Anson County, NC, is the founder and president of the Caraway Management Group, Inc. (TCMG), in Raleigh, NC and the founder and executive director of the Caraway Foundation, in Ansonville, NC. She has over 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry and has proven herself as a premier meeting planner. She has worked for a number of non-profit associations in the Washington DC area and climbed through the ranks as a meeting assistant to the director of sponsorship/exhibitor services for an educational association. After realizing that she was spending an enormous amount of time working for someone else, Angela decided to take that leap of faith and started the Caraway Management Group, Inc. In October 2004.

Since the launching of her company, Angela has planned and implemented many events for organizations of various sizes that have included golf tournaments and a marathon. Her company is known for producing ‘crisp and sharp’ events that not only leave the attendees excited but allow her clients to be seen as the star of the show.

Angela launched the Caraway Foundation in 2007 when the vision was given to her while grocery shopping in Kroger. Upon listening to the “voice of god”, Angela purchased over 165 dollars in school supplies and the Caraway Foundation was born. Since its inception, the foundation has provided over 1500 students in Anson County with a refurbished desktop or laptop; has provided school supplies for the past 8 years; and most recently, held the inaugural village of strength health summit.

Angela has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in Communication from North Carolina State University and has completed her course work to receive a MBA with a concentration in marketing from Strayer University.



**Heather Edwards** is the owner of Studio 256, a shop for yarn, fabric, beading, crafting, and one of a kind jewelry pieces in Wadesboro. Heather went to college for business and paralegal with aspirations to go to law school but life changes happened that catapulted her in a different direction. While in college, she worked in a local boutique and learned how to do windows, upsell, and buy for the store. She moved to Charlotte where she took on a role as buyer and manager over retail clothing and attire for three stores. She left that overwhelmingly fun career to mom full-time then got into automotive sales, then leasing college to Automotive marketing for 14 different lines across the southeast where she excelled hitting the highest goals. Once more, she left her career to raise and homeschool her youngest child. This journey of

seasons it brought Heather and her family to Wadesboro where she and her husband have opened two businesses and closed one. Heather is dedicated to building a better community. She and her husband are big doers that enjoy working with the youth. The skills that they teach can go far and wide to help the future of Anson.



**Hailey Howell and Brittany Powell** are the owners of Willow & Vine, a clothing boutique in Wadesboro. Their shop specializes in women, men, and children's clothing, shoes, accessories and bags. The business began during the pandemic and has flourished. Both Hailey and Brittany left their full-time jobs and are now full-time business owners. They enjoy nothing more than helping others feel confident and beautiful in their own skin, with the help of their clothing. They are proud to be a woman-owned retailer and help encourage other women to take the leap into business ownership.



**Garrett Snuggs** is the owner of the Triad Barber School and Tite Cutz Barbershop. Garrett has been a barber for 20-plus years and it was that experience that provided a pathway to business ownership. In 2005, he founded Tite Cutz where he performed his trade. Garrett then went on to found Triad Barber School in 2020 to provide opportunities for Anson County and neighboring residents to learn barber skills and the business trade to lead to a career. His favorite part of owning and teaching at Triad is providing opportunity.