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Outstanding Women Leaders**

MARCH 7, 2026

Welcome

Celebrating 30 Years of Outstanding Women Leaders



For three decades, the NAWBO Sacramento Valley chapter has gathered the region's most influential entrepreneurs, business leaders, and community advocates for one extraordinary evening—the Outstanding Women Leader (OWL) Awards Gala.

What began in 1996 as a vision to spotlight the remarkable contributions of women in the Sacramento business community has grown into one of the most anticipated and prestigious annual events in the Valley. This year, we are proud to present the 30th annual gala, a landmark celebration of the trailblazers who continue to shape business, civic, and community life throughout our region.

The OWL Awards represent far more than recognition. They are a powerful testament to the resilience, innovation, and determination of women who lead with purpose. Each year, we receive compelling nominations, and finalists and winners are selected by an independent committee of business and community leaders for their exceptional achievements.

To receive an OWL Award is to join a distinguished legacy of women whose impact reaches across the Sacramento Valley. These are women who have not only built thriving businesses but have also lifted others along the way through mentoring the next generation, creating meaningful opportunities, and strengthening the communities they serve.

As we mark this incredible 30-year milestone, we reflect on the profound and lasting influence this event has made on our community. Since 1996, hundreds of extraordinary women have been honored, and their stories have inspired countless others to pursue bold ambitions. The OWL Awards have fostered a powerful and ever-growing network of women business owners, corporate champions, community partners, and civic leaders united by a shared commitment to excellence and empowerment.

Finalists

- Dawn Adams - Zion Girls Leadership and Collegiate Preparatory Academy
- Cecilia Aguiar-Curry - Assembly Majority Leader, California State Assembly
- Angelique Ashby - State Senator, California State Senate
- Maria Bardet - Humani Studios Inc
- Lydia Belaski - charQterie
- Leslie Bosserman - The Makers Place/Lead With Intention
- Lisa Cardoza - American River College
- Kimberly Coley - Habitat for Humanity Greater Sacramento
- Lisa Culp - Women's Empowerment
- Gianna Erdmann - St. Francis High School
- Analaura Gasca - CSU, Sacramento
- Chevon Kothari - Health and Human Services, Sacramento County
- Gina Loza - Northwestern Mutual
- Sheila Moody - SEM Logistics Solutions
- Jennifer Siebel Newsom - First Partner, State of California
- Allison Otto - Otto Construction
- Anh Phoong - Phoong Law
- Jenee Rawlings - Yolo Federal Credit Union
- Lyrik Robinson - Visions in Education High School
- Homa Rostami - Life Options for Seniors
- Loraine Scott - Acheson Wine Company
- Marinda Johnson Sessoms - Just Trind Productions
- Chelsey Smith - Chelsey Smith Crowns
- Jamie Stephenson - Pleasant Grove High School
- Dr. Janice Thompson - JDThompson & Associates LLC
- Kim Tucker - Mission Forward Advisors
- Charlene Vine - The Lionheart Community
- Becca Whitman - Guide & Give

Agenda

5:00 pm
Reception

6:30 pm
Dinner & Program

Welcome
Kitty O'Neal, KFBK Radio Host and Emcee

High School Program Spotlight
Christina Dixon, President, NAWBO Sacramento
Chris Marshall, President & CEO, Junior Achievement

Dinner Break

Live Auction & Mission Support
Rylie Behr, Behr Benefits

OWL Awards Presentation
Kitty O'Neal, KFBK Host and Emcee
With Distinguished Guests Presenting Awards

9:00 pm
Closing & Celebration Dance Party
Christina Dixon, President, NAWBO Sacramento
Nicole Townsend, Incoming President, NAWBO Sacramento



Emcee
Kitty O'Neal
KFBK Radio Host

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About NAWBO

Founded in 1975, the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) is the unified voice of more than 12 million women business owners across the United States. Representing the fastest-growing segment of the economy, NAWBO spans industries and regions with a strong network of local chapters nationwide.

NAWBO's mission is to propel women business owners into greater economic, social, and political spheres of influence both nationally and globally. Recognized as a powerful thought leader, NAWBO is respected by federal and state policymakers and strengthened by strategic partnerships with corporations and nonprofit organizations that share its vision.

From emerging entrepreneurs to seasoned business leaders, NAWBO offers a dynamic community built on understanding, encouragement, collaboration, and celebration.

We are NAWBO. An organization where women business owners connect, learn, and lead.

Invest in Women Who Mean Business



Your generous support fuels the programs, advocacy, and education that empower women business owners across the Sacramento Valley. Together, with your donation, we champion the women business owners of today and tomorrow.

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NAWBO Programs

Empowering Women Business Owners

NAWBO is committed to advancing women in business through dynamic programming at both the local and national chapter level.

Locally, we offer a robust lineup of programs designed to educate, connect, and empower our members. Programming includes our:

- **Lunch & Learn Series.** A 30-minute virtual education series focused on topics that support women business owners with professional development and personal wellness. Free.
- **Thriving Thursday.** An informal evening for networking and connections located throughout the Valley, often at member and partner locations. Free.
- **Member Mastermind Sessions.** An intimate setting for members to deepen connections, exchange resources, and collaborate on shared challenges and opportunities. Free, members only.
- **Signature Events.** From wellness to business builders, these events bring experts, activities, and resources to the audience. Focus on advocacy, ongoing education and current business needs. Fee-based with member discounts.
- **Membership Drive Mixers.** An opportunity to meet members, partners and board members to learn what NAWBO membership can do for potential members. Free, fall and spring.
- **New Member Orientation.** Explores the value of membership with new members. Free, fall and spring.

Nationally, NAWBO amplifies this impact through powerful legislative advocacy, strategic partnerships, and national initiatives that elevate the voice of women entrepreneurs. From championing equitable policies in Washington, D.C. during annual Advocacy Days to building corporate and community alliances that expand access to capital, contracts, and leadership opportunities, NAWBO National works to dismantle barriers and create pathways for women business owners.

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Leadership Coach & Founder

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Finalists

Woman Innovator Award

Recognizes a trailblazer in her field in innovation and industry advancement



MARIA BARDET is the founder and CEO of Humani Pilates. After leaving a career in public policy and practicing Pilates for many years, Maria Bardet recognized a need in her community for an inclusive space to explore the practice that had given her so much. She envisioned Humani as a safe, empowering environment where people could build strong, functional bodies and connect with others. Today, Humani is proud to be Sacramento's top-rated Pilates studio. Maria's passion for teaching also led her to create the Humani Teacher Training Program, which certifies new Pilates instructors across the country. In 2020, she also co-founded the California Small Fitness Facilities Association (CASFFA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to advocating for and supporting small business owners and professionals in the fitness, health, and wellness industry.



LESLIE BOSSERMAN is fueled by local coffee and big dreams. This dynamic mom of three is an author, TEDx speaker, coach, and educator on a mission to help you get after your goals and move from STUCK to started! For over a decade, Leslie has researched and trained teams around the world on the science of Emotional Endurance to enhance their fulfillment. After working in higher education, she launched Lead With Intention® where she collaborates with creative professionals desiring more. As an entrepreneur with a community engagement mission, she created The Makers Place™, Sacramento's first coworking space with onsite childcare offering flexible solutions for local families. Leslie is a novice pickleball player and an expert bargain shopper who lives in Northern California with her family and travels internationally for coaching, organizational trainings, and retreat facilitation. Her TEDx Talk has reached over 1.3 million viewers worldwide and her first book, *Emotional Endurance*, is publishing July 2026.



LORRAINE SCOTT owns Acheson Wine Company, a local, eco-friendly winery with a tasting room in Midtown Sacramento. Acheson wines are exclusively available in Sacramento due to their 100% refillable bottle system. Acheson makes wine like any other winery, but they skip the traditional bottles, labels, corks, capsules, and cardboard boxes. This eliminates waste throughout their entire process, making Acheson one of the most eco-friendly wineries in the world! With this sustainable approach, they've already saved over 70,000 bottles from the landfill.



CHELSEY SMITH, CEO of Chelsey Smith Crowns, isn't just running a wig company; she's running a movement. Her company blends premium aesthetics with easy-to-wear designs, specialized care products, and a mission rooted in empowering confidence. From beginner-friendly styles to advanced options for seasoned stylists, CSC offers something for everyone. Now entering our 7th year in business, CSC is proud to be backed by a thriving social media community, industry recognition, and multiple brand awards. CSC's mission is simple yet powerful: to make wig wearing a celebrated, everyday normal for all.

Woman in Public Service Award

Honors a woman serving in a government or public service role (elected or appointed) who demonstrates exemplary leadership and advocates for positive change for women in business



ASM. CECILIA AGUIAR-CURRY (D-Winters) is a walnut farmer and small business owner representing California's Assembly District 4. She serves as the Assembly Majority Leader and chairs the California Legislative Women's Caucus and previously served as Assembly Speaker pro Tempore. Her legislative agenda is focused on reproductive health care access, rural healthcare and broadband, wildfire prevention, agriculture, and affordable childcare. Prior to her election to the assembly, she served as planning commissioner, city councilmember, and the first female mayor of her hometown of Winters, CA.



SEN. ANGELIQUE ASHBY (D-Sacramento) is the first woman in over 20 years elected to represent the Sacramento metropolitan area in the California State Senate. She chairs the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and serves as Assistant Majority Leader. Senator Ashby spent 12 years on the Sacramento City Council, where she served most of her time as Vice Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. She led efforts to bring high-wage jobs to the region and revitalize Sacramento's urban core. In her first three years in the Legislature, she advanced laws on debt-free college for foster youth, statewide literacy programs, artificial intelligence, economic development, emergency medical response, small business support, and domestic violence protection. After becoming a single mom at 20 years old, she worked full-time while attending UC Davis and then UOP McGeorge School of Law. She was also a business owner and ran her consulting firm with her father.



CHEVON KOTHARI serves as Sacramento County's Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services, bringing more than 25 years of leadership advancing the health, safety, and well-being of vulnerable communities. She joined the County in 2021 as Director of Health Services and previously held key state and local roles, including Chief Deputy Director at the California Department of Social Services and Director of the Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency.



JENNIFER SIEBEL NEWSOM is California's First Partner and a leading advocate for women's economic power, leadership, and long-term wealth creation. In her role, she has elevated women's entrepreneurship, access to capital, and workforce participation as central drivers of California's economic resilience and competitiveness. She convenes cross-sector leaders from business, finance, philanthropy, and government to advance practical solutions that support women founders, investors, and business owners—focusing on unlocking capital, strengthening networks, and building durable pathways to wealth. Through initiatives such as the Women's Wealth Advisory Council, she has positioned California as a national leader in advancing women's economic opportunity through market-aligned, scalable approaches. Jennifer is also the founder of The Representation Project, a nonprofit that uses research and storytelling to challenge harmful stereotypes and expand leadership opportunities for women and girls. Her work consistently centers women as economic actors, decision-makers, and builders—essential to a thriving, inclusive economy.



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ON YOUR OWL IMPACT AWARD NOMINATION

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your vision, your perseverance, and your tireless dedication to empowering daughters of incarcerated parents. We are honored to walk alongside you and celebrate this well-deserved recognition.



Executive Woman Award

Honors an executive-level professional with no ownership interest who demonstrates exceptional leadership and community involvement



DR. LISA CARDOZA proudly serves as the first Latina President of American River College, one of the largest 2-year public institutions in the country, serving over 32,000 students and home to California's largest Apprenticeship program. She previously served as Vice President for University Advancement at Sacramento State leading its first comprehensive fundraising campaign, *On the Rise*, raising nearly \$240 million. Prior to that role, she was Chief of Staff and interim Vice Presidents for Advancement and for Human Resources to President Robert S. Nelsen. With a focus on empowering the next generation of leaders and making an impact on the Sacramento community, Lisa serves on numerous community boards and councils. She was recently named a Latino Changemaker and received the American Leadership Forum Exemplary Leader award. Lisa earned a BA and MA from Stanford University and an EdD from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. She is also the proud mother of Gabriel and Diego.



KIMBERLY COLEY serves as Chief Advancement & Marketing Officer for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento, leading fundraising, communications, volunteer engagement, and community relations to advance equitable housing and community development. With over 20 years of executive experience, including leadership roles with the American Red Cross and Girl Scouts, she has built a career at the intersection of business, philanthropy, and social impact. Kimberly is recognized for driving organizational growth, mobilizing resources, and forging transformative partnerships that deliver measurable results. A passionate advocate for gender equity, she mentors emerging women leaders through the She Shares program and serves as a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum and Leadership California alumna. Her service has earned honors including Woman of the Year by California State Legislators and Pacific Coast Business Times' Top 50 Women in Business and 40 Under 40.



GINA LOZA serves as Director of Operations and Director of Training & Development for the Northern California and Northern Nevada territories of NM. She drives new client acquisition efforts and supports financial advisors in building sustainable, long-term practices rooted in growth and purpose. A passionate advocate for leadership and inclusion, Gina founded NM's Philanthropy Committee and Diversity & Inclusion Council and played a key role in launching NM's golf tournament benefiting Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, raising over \$100,000 for childhood cancer research. Gina is a founding board member of NM's Women's Field Association and has served on multiple all-company conference planning committees as both a leader and panel speaker.



JENEERAWLINGS, President & CEO of Yolo Federal Credit Union, leads with heart, purpose, and a deep belief in people helping people. With more than 35 years in the credit-union industry, she is committed to mentorship, community service, and creating financial pathways that help families thrive. Her focus is on people-centered service, operational excellence, strategic growth, and developing strong leaders who will continue moving the organization forward long after her tenure. Jenee is a servant leader who values inclusion, collaboration, and accountability. She is passionate about developing future leaders, uplifting and empowering women and minorities in her industry, and expanding programs that strengthen member access and financial wellness. No matter the field, she believes organizations thrive when they put people first.



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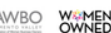
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Warmest congratulations to the women recognized this evening!

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Impact Award

Celebrates a woman leader who has made a demonstrated impact on the economic advancement of women in the region



DAWN ADAMS is the visionary founder of Zion Girls Leadership & Collegiate Preparatory Academy, a Sacramento County based nonprofit empowering daughters whose parents are or have been incarcerated. Drawing from her own experience, Dawn created a trauma-informed, faith-based model that pairs mentorship with academic support, leadership training, and college preparation. Through her signature Pillars of

PROGRESS framework, Zion Girls equips mentees to persevere, lead, and thrive beyond circumstance. Since founding the organization, Dawn has built partnerships with community leaders, universities, and organizations to expand opportunities for these often-overlooked and unrepresented young women. Her work boldly reframes daughters of incarcerated parents as future leaders and changemakers. Dawn's innovation lies in transforming empathy into action, designing not just programs, but pathways to purpose.



LISA CULP is a proven leader and lifelong advocate whose efforts have directly empowered countless women. After earning her degree from UC Davis, following studies at UCLA and the University of Grenoble, she spent ten transformative years developing micro-loan projects with women in Nicaragua. This experience provided deep insight into global disparities, strengthening her resolve for social justice. Upon returning, Lisa was

shocked by the local crisis of women and children experiencing homelessness. Recognizing the urgent need for a permanent pathway out of poverty, Lisa founded Women's Empowerment in 2001. The organization is dedicated to educating and empowering women with the skills and confidence needed to secure employment, create a healthy life, and regain a safe home for their families. Under her leadership, Women's Empowerment became a national model to end family homelessness, as recognized on the TODAY Show.



DR. JANICE THOMPSON is a distinguished leader, educator, and mentor whose career embodies wisdom, integrity, and an enduring commitment to empowering women at every level. As a certified leadership coach and business owner, she has inspired countless women to step boldly into their careers and dreams, lead with confidence and authenticity, speak with courage and purpose, and move from success to significance. Dr.

Thompson's 35-year-career bridges leadership, education, and mentorship, guiding individuals and organizations toward meaningful, sustainable growth. Her influence extends beyond professional success; she cultivates confidence, fosters connection, and creates spaces where women thrive and lead boldly. With grace, insight, and empathy, Dr. Thompson exemplifies being a leader who uplifts others, shares knowledge generously, and champions women's advancement in leadership, business, and in the community.



KIM TUCKER established her firm, Mission Forward Advisors, after 10 years leading the Impact Foundry, northern California's nonprofit resource center. She describes it as her 'going rogue' enterprise after working in the nonprofit sector for 25+ years. MFA partners with experts in finance, communications, and change management to help nonprofits, cooperatives, and associations with growth strategies, succession,

governance, and mergers & acquisitions. Kim is proud to serve on the Board of Directors of Paratransit, Inc., Impact100 Greater Sacramento, and Brightways Learning. Kim is a graduate of Leadership California, and a senior fellow of American Leadership Forum; and has been recognized for her community impact by being awarded as a Women Who Means Business and a Most Admired CEO by the *Sacramento Business Journal*. Kim is from Alaska, where she grew up playing with bears and catching salmon with her bare hands.



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LYDIA BELASKI is the founder of charQterie, a 2025 Small Business Week Honoree. Since its opening, charQterie has since been featured across all local Sacramento TV stations, multiple podcasts, and regional publications, and is deeply rooted in community impact, employing 27 staff members, including students from eight local high schools and adults with disabilities through Blue Heron. CharQterie blends entrepreneurship, mentorship, and hospitality—and is now preparing for future growth through franchising opportunities.



MARINDA JOHNSON SESSOMS is an Emmy Award-winning television and arts producer with over 20 years of experience in multimedia storytelling, community engagement, and content development. Through her company, JUST TRIND Productions, she creates content that informs, empowers, and amplifies underrepresented voices, using storytelling as a catalyst for awareness and lasting impact. Beyond media production, Marinda extends her expertise through youth-focused programming that provides hands-on experiences in media and production careers. These programs help young people find their voice, build confidence, and explore creative industry pathways—especially those with limited access. Marinda's career includes a distinguished tenure at PBS KVIE, where she produced multiple television series and contributed to award-winning content. Her work has earned three Emmy Awards, more than 14 Emmy nominations, and honors from the Alliance for Women in Media, *The Sacramento Observer*, and *The Sacramento Bee*.



CHARLENE VINE grew up on the East Coast and moved west in her twenties after earning a graphic design degree in Philadelphia. She settled in a mountain town in the High Sierras and embraced an adventurous lifestyle. In 2000, a snowboarding accident caused a T-11 spinal cord injury, leaving her paralyzed from the waist down. In the years that followed, Charlene faced a Charcot spine diagnosis and endured multiple surgeries and serious health complications. A successful spine reconstruction in 2017 stabilized her health and marked a turning point in her journey. Through lived experience, she discovered the power of peer connection and shared support. Charlene has since received peer training, founded support groups, educated healthcare professionals, and provided patient outreach. In 2020, she launched an online support group that evolved into The Lionheart Community, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting the paralyzed community. Today, she leads an active, fulfilling life and continues to inspire others through resilience, advocacy, and courage.



BECCA WHITMAN, founder of Guide & Give, is a trusted advisor and strategist to companies, foundations, and nonprofit leaders seeking to ignite impact and elevate their legacy through purposeful philanthropy. With more than 16 years of experience in sports management and two decades spanning corporate community relations, nonprofit leadership, and social impact investing, she helps organizations design and implement giving strategies that strengthen communities and deliver measurable results. Becca's work bridges sectors, from agriculture and health to public safety and education, aligning business goals with community outcomes. A champion for collaboration, she has guided multimillion-dollar partnerships, launched focused initiatives across California and Northern Nevada, and served on multiple nonprofit boards. Through her leadership, Becca continues to expand opportunities for communities, proving that generosity and strategy together can transform lives.

Wise Woman Award

Acknowledges a woman business owner with 10+ years of success and leadership in her industry



SHEILA MOODY, Real Estate Broker and Sr Mortgage Loan Officer, is also the CEO and Founder of CPMS Services, LLC, a woman-owned small business headquartered in Sacramento, CA and the CEO/Owner of SEM Logistics Solutions LLC, an Amazon Freight Partner providing trucking and logistics solutions. She is a San Francisco Bay Area native who is passionate about helping families build wealth through homeownership.

She brings over 20 years of experience in real estate and mortgage loans. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and has an extensive background in Information Technology Management (University of California), and Software Sales Engineering (IBM). Ms. Moody is an advocate for the underserved. She currently serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Realist Association and the California Association of Real Estate Brokers. She is also on the Board of Directors for Sac Hub Foundation.



ALLISON OTTO directs Otto Construction's strategic vision and oversees all operations, including client relations, business development, and project execution. As a third-generation family member, Allison has dedicated 25 years to advancing Otto's legacy of building with honesty, integrity, and compassion. Since she was appointed President & CEO in 2021, Otto has experienced significant growth, achieving a 116% increase in revenue. Her vision has expanded Otto's portfolio with landmark projects like the \$232M SMF Terminal B Parking Garage, Sacramento City Unified School District's \$90M Ethel I. Baker Elementary School, and \$200M of science education facilities for the Los Rios Community College District. Her steady leadership has strengthened Otto's position as a trusted, high-performing partner in the region.



ANH PHOONG is the CEO/owner of Phuong Law. Phuong Law practices personal injury law and has dedicated the past 10 years of pursuing justice for its clients and holding negligent parties accountable. Phuong Law is deeply rooted in its community and donated/supported over 100 organizations over the last several years.



HOMA ROSTAMI is a Geriatric Care Manager and co-owner of Life Options for Seniors. For 23 years, she has been honored to help older adults and their families find clarity, comfort, and confidence as they navigate the challenges of aging.

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Rising Star Award

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GIANNA ERDMANN '26 is a visionary student leader at St. Francis Catholic High School and co-founder of The Puzzle Project, a growing service club supporting children facing long-term hospital stays. Inspired by her own medical journey, she transformed personal adversity into purpose-driven impact that mobilizes peers and partners. A Pillar of Leadership Award recipient and future TCU student, Gianna exemplifies innovation, resilience, compassion, and heart in service, entrepreneurship, and academics.

ANALaura GASCA is a third-year civil engineering student at California State University, Sacramento, with an interest in water resources. She currently interns with SMUD and is an active member of MESA. She also founded a chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers to create community, mentorship, and opportunities that empower and elevate women in STEM, and she currently serves as her chapter's Treasurer.

LYRIK ROBINSON is an accomplished sophomore with an outstanding 4.46 GPA and over 40 hours of community service. A member of the Yuba City Youth Commission, she is deeply committed to leadership and service. Aspiring to become a lawyer and own her own law firm, she also dreams of launching her own movie production company. Lyrik pairs her love for reading and acting with determination, intellect, and a beautiful spirit.

JAMIE STEPHENSON has achieved the rare accomplishment of earning the Girl Scouts' Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards, along with the Heart of Central California Rose Award. A high school senior, she is committed to youth empowerment through service, STEM, and civic engagement. She serves as a Sacramento County Youth Commissioner and leads Women in STEM and UNICEF at school. Her environmental work earned her the Sacramento County Outstanding Environmental Leadership Award.



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- Two tickets to Beethoven Symphony No. 9 at Sacramento Philharmonic (May 31, 2026)
- Family subscription series for 4 to B Street Theatre

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#105 Kings Loft & Jersey

For a true fan! You and your guests will enjoy the action of a Sacramento Kings home game with a LOFT experience (includes 8 tickets and 2 parking passes) - must be redeemed by December 31, 2026. Package also includes one Domantas Sabonis signed jersey.

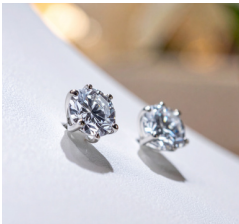
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#106 Three Nights in Tahoe

Centrally located on the North Shore and minutes away from the shores of Lake Tahoe. This stunning home backs to the Tahoe National Forest for sledding and snow play in the winter and numerous hiking and biking trails in the summer. Three-night stay, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Up to 6 adults or 4 adults & 4 kids. Good through August 2027, subject to availability. Blackout dates Thanksgiving week, Jan. 15-19, Feb. 15-21, Memorial Day weekend & Fourth of July.

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#107 Sharif Diamond Earrings

Turn heads with this stunning pair of 3 carat lab-grown diamond stud earrings. (Actual earrings may vary from photo. Photo is an example only.)

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#108 6-Course Private Dinner for 6

The Six Course Tasting Menu for Six Guests at Mulvaney's B&L provides Michelin recognized Farm-to-Fork cuisine in one of the most sought-after private rooms in town. This space gives you and your guests the opportunity to put all the focus on the cuisine while enabling for a more intimate experience amongst the party.

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