

Alana Muller Founder and CEO | COFFEE LUNCH COFFEE

Alana Muller is an entrepreneurial executive leader whose primary focus is to connect, inspire and empower community. She is the former President of Kauffman FastTrac (a division of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation), a global provider of training to aspiring and established entrepreneurs, providing them the tools, resources and networks to start and grow successful businesses. Additionally, Alana spent a number of years as an executive with Sprint Corporation serving in a variety of general management roles, including marketing, talent management, corporate strategy and wireless data product marketing.

Today, Alana is founder and CEO of Coffee Lunch Coffee where she is a Networking speaker, workshop facilitator, coach and author of the book, *Coffee Lunch Coffee: A Practical Field Guide for Master Networking* and a companion blog, CoffeeLunchCoffee.com. Her accessible, relevant, immediately actionable approach to professional Networking for those interested in Connecting with others, getting involved in their community, seeking to advance their career or looking to build social relationships, has helped thousands of people formulate a strategic mindset around Networking while creating a game plan to get out there and Connect. Coffee Lunch Coffee is a WBENC-Certified WBE.

In addition to her work with Coffee Lunch Coffee, Alana is Community Director for American Public Square, an organization that brings together non-like-minded people to engage in civil conversation about controversial topics. Alana enjoys Connecting with people around the world and sharing stories on topics such as Networking, entrepreneurship and women in business. She is a columnist for American City Business Journals' BizWomen.com and other publications, has been a contributor to Forbes.com, The Huffington Post and CNBC, and, twice, was a featured speaker at TEDxOverlandPark.

Alana has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago, where she was the recipient of the Mike and Karen Herman Fellowship for Women in Entrepreneurship, and an undergraduate degree in mathematics from Smith College. She is actively engaged in the community and serves on a number of corporate and volunteer boards including ISCTE International Business School (Lisbon, Portugal), Morningstar Communications, Swartz + Associates, the Blue Valley Center for Advanced Professional Studies, Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, Village Shalom Senior Living Community, SevenDays, the Jewish Community Foundation and the Smith College Club of Greater Kansas City. Additionally, Alana is a member and the president of the Kansas Chapter of International Women's Forum. She is an alumna of Coro Kansas City and the Civic Council's Kansas City Tomorrow program. She was recognized as the 2017 Instructor of the Year by the Turner Construction Management Program, a 2013 NextGen Leader by the Kansas City Business Journal and a 2012 Influential Woman by KC Business magazine.

