



Local Women Of Leadership Past and Present



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I believe every day is a good day to begin a success story. Mine began 20 years ago in my native Uruguay, where I was raised by an Uruguayan/Argentine family. I received my first baking lessons from my grandmother who showed me recipes that had been handed down through generations, and was the first person to believe in me and my ability to create during my youth. My husband Fabian and I met as architecture students at the university in Uruguay, married after a few years and decided to immigrate to the United States in search of new opportunities. We initially settled in New Jersey with our baby son. Adapting to a new life in a new country is not easy, but the tremendous amount of support from my family and my desire to succeed kept me moving forward towards reaching my goals. A few years later we were blessed with a daughter. I worked at a bakery in New Jersey for seven years while raising two young children but my dream of opening my own bakery was always present in my life. The idea of being an entrepreneur in a job that was fulfilling to me was enticing and I was willing to do what it takes to make it a reality. It was during those years that I improved my baking skills and acquired the experience to run a business gaining the confidence to move on my own. My dream came true during one of the most challenging times for small business owners, in the midst of the Covid19 pandemic. Having to face major changes and overcoming obstacles in my life, I saw this adversarial situation as an opportunity for my personal growth and a path to bring an innovative bakery to Rockland County offering the authenticity of Argentine and Uruguayan pastries. I opened the doors of Farina Café in Nyack last December. It is my hope to continue to write the pages of my success story offering the traditional flavors of my home country, honoring the values and traditions of my family, and serving the community that became my home.