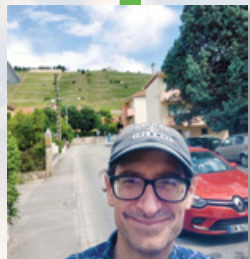


Entrepreneurs THRIVE in Bedford County



Todd Spitzer of Cru Consulting is a certified sommelier servicing Bedford County and the region with his wine pairing expertise!



Aesthetics by Kell, ABK, is Bedford's new skincare store with a med spa opened by **Kelly McGee, RN**. **ABK** offers many products including Kelly's own custom skincare line. "I have always known I wanted my own business. I'm sure my dad owning his own business is part of that. I also think it's just the way I am wired." - Kelly McGee



Christian Miles has always had a passion for being in, on, and around the water. Inspired by his love of all things outdoors and Bedford County, Christian started **Country Pirate Co.**, his business that provides kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and float tube rentals for residents and visitors.



Gregg Feaster teamed up with established entrepreneurs **Jim Fungaroli, Fat Jimmy's Outfitters, Dave Heller and Joe Black, Olde Bedford Brewing Co.**, to create a distillery business, **Dead Man Walking Spirits** - the distillery is scheduled to open in 2023.



One-on-one personal coaching

is available to startups and emerging small businesses in the county whether it's an idea on paper or already in the works.

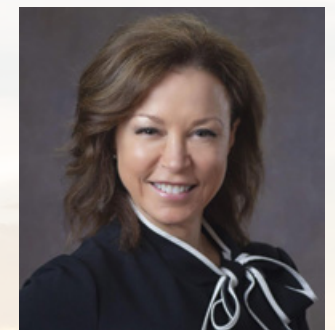
Bedford County Development Association is on a mission to bring greater economic vitality to the county by creating an ecosystem for success that recruits and supports entrepreneurs. Coaches provide **free** support to help navigate a vast network of economic development resources that are all working together to bring talent, new businesses, and jobs.



Meet the Bedford County Coach

Jen Marsh is the vice president of the Bedford County Development Association as well as the Startup Business Coach through Startup Alleghenies.

"Community is key and I love surrounding myself with positive people who aren't afraid to grow, change and take risks. I look forward to working to help make entrepreneurial dreams become a reality."



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Renee Nicholson and the **Everett Flower Shop** have flower power! "The shop has been one thing that is constant and allows me to be a mom and pursue my passions simultaneously." - Renee Nicholson



Starting from designing neutral decor for her sister's nursery **Sarah Baumbauch** has opened **Gracie Lou** - a boutique for littles.



Kristi Hillegas curates quality retail styles and sells locally crafted and socially good products at her shop, **REC-LA-MA-TION**. "Being an entrepreneur I get to make a direct impact on my local economy with our consignment pieces along with selling socially good products." - Kristi Hillegas



Adam and Tammy Wiley are a mother-son dynamic duo who have increased **Bedford Candies'** geographical footprint with online ordering so people from all over can enjoy their products.

Startup Success Starts Here.



Improving the quality of life in Bedford County through economic development while preserving our heritage and natural resources.

Do you have a business idea and need help with the first step? Are you a solopreneur thinking of growing your product or service? To access personal, one-on-one support from a coach in your county, including guidance, resources, tools and networking opportunities, sign up at startupalleghenies.com.

