



Nina Corder is originally from Malaysia but resides in Toledo for the past 25 years. She is the proud Founder and Managing Director of a grassroots women-focus nonprofit organization-Inclusive for Women Inc. DBA Woman of Toledo (WOT). Establish in 2013, as part of her Doctoral Degree dissertation in Organizational Leadership, now the organization becomes a hub where a diverse group of women's leaders committed to bringing together a community to learn from and about each other at advocating for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging with a focus on Women Economic Empowerment.

When she is not managing Women of Toledo, she also took clients for services under her social enterprise business, Lemon and Lime Company, Inc. A global company that offered various support services, on-site or remotely (virtual assistant) to businesses, companies, and individuals with a mission to provide services and skills training to those who in turn provide services or products that aim to elevate the quality of lives of all humanity. Through her Lemon Lime Lab initiative, Nina has supported 6 women/families, living in poverty across the globe to receive quality work and earn a living wage from her Lemon and Lime, Co independent business network. Nina believes the most sustainable way to eradicate poverty is to give work, one job, one person at a time.

Nina also consults with various national and international agencies as a Destination Services Consultant. From the pre-assignment trip, home and school search, and community orientation, to arrival welcoming and departure assistance, Nina help ease the transition for employees, and family and helps companies reduce the complexity of international relocation. Over the past five years, Nina has consulted over 50 project assignments supporting transferees from 20 different countries. Currently, Nina is actively consulting with a transferee working for fortune-500 companies in Northwest Ohio. In her lifetime, Nina has worked and lived in five countries and traveled to more than 20 countries around the world. Hence, she is highly effective at assisting relocating individuals and families with the many details of settling in, cross-cultural training, and transitioning into a new community.

From 2017 to 2018, Nina was appointed by the **United Nations (UN) Women-** Empower Women Initiative as Global Champion for Change. During her fellowship tenure with the UN Women, Nina launched the Women Economic Empowerment movement in Northwest Ohio and developed an initiative – HerHub. HerHub is an online platform that connects the female community with local resources, women-owned businesses, and women-led organizations in the area. Nina is also the current Mayoral Appointed Executive Member for the City of Toledo, Human Relations Commission, Past- President of the American Association of University Women (AAUW)-Toledo Branch and serves the City of Toledo's Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) ordinance. Nina's recent accomplishments as a local advocate include the passing of CEDAW, ref: O-095-22 in 2022. As a Cities for CEDAW, it will support Women of Toledo's effort to encourage local governments to become more gender equitable. In 2019, Nina also advocates and supports the passing of the Pay Equity Act in the City of Toledo. The passing of this legislation is a critical step to closing the gender pay gap and improving woman's economic status.

Under Nina's management, Women of Toledo's Economic Development Initiatives announced the establishment of the Northwest Ohio Women's Business Council (WBC). The Council was created based on the evidence and data collected by the City of Toledo Forward Cities E3: Equity for Every Entrepreneur research in 2021 (link to the scorecard). There are four essential categories to support the entrepreneurial ecosystem - People, Programs, Networks, and Narratives. WBC program goals are to support the narrative aspect of the identity & storytelling of the ecosystem's story in a way that highlights its personality and diversity. Women of Toledo have been working on closing the network gap for minority businesses through mentorship and with this effort, the organization will continue its goal of advocating for economic inequality for all women.

In 2022, Nina participated and traveled as a Mentor for the Professional Fellows program managed by GLCAP (formerly known as WSOS) funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Global Leaders Division. This two-way Governance and Society Program is entitled 'Shaping Participatory Democracy' for emerging leaders from Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and the United States. And this Fall, Nina also accepted a Mayoral appointed position voted by the Toledo City Councils to serve as a Commissioner Member of the CEDAW Gender Equity Commission under the new division of Diversity and Inclusion for the City of Toledo.

Prior to managing Women of Toledo, Nina's professional career includes the Chief of Operations for So Now Professional Network for Women, Program Director for the Pay It Forward Foundation, and Special Project Coordinator for the Toledo Metropolitan Council of Government (TMACOG). Also, Nina was recognized as the Power of Women for the Junior League of Toledo, served as a Chairperson for the Secor Artist Network, So Now Network of Women Board Members, Steering Committee for Women of The World (WOW) Symposium, and an Ambassador for the Momentum Northwest Ohio Young Women's Summit. In 2021, Nina also served as a committee member for Women Fore Solheim. The Women Fore Solheim, founded in 2021 is a collaboration of diverse women in the Greater Toledo community, who are committed to creating and implementing inclusive and equitable opportunities and experiences during the Solheim Cup.

Nina's major recognition was to be named Toledo region **2021 Jefferson Award** and represent the region in Washington D.C. The Jefferson Awards are known as "an American Nobel Prize for public service." Since its founding in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Sam Beard, and Senator Robert Taft, Jr., the Jefferson Awards has honored outstanding community and public service. In the most recent Fall of 2021, Nina is the awardee of the **Ernest M. Pon Award** by the National Association for Ethnic Studies recognizes Asian American organizations dedicated to human rights and equal justice. The Ernest M. Pon Award is offered in recognition to those achieving a level of innovation, quality, and success in advancing the field of Ethnic Studies that few others have done.

Nina earned both her Master's and Bachelor's Degree from the University of Toledo and completed her post-doctoral EDD with Northcentral University in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in culture and diversity. She is also a trainer and certified Human Rights Advocate with the US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights in Washington D.C. Nina currently maintains a residence in the West Toledo area with her husband, Keith, and their daughter, Isabella Corder who is pursuing her undergraduate degree at Miami University, Oxford Ohio.

Recognition, Certification & Awards:

- [2021 the Ernest M. Pon Award](#)
- [2021 Jefferson Awards](#)
- [2020 Women Are Rad](#), Nominee, The Toledo Walleye
- [2019 Big Ideas: The Toledo City Paper](#)
- 2018 Center for Nonprofit Resources, Certificate of Minority Executive Leadership
- 2017-2018 BNI of Northwest Ohio Jim Knott Community Service Award Recipient
- [2016-2017 UN Women Empower Women Global Champion for Change](#)
- Facilitator license of Simon Sinek's Why Discovery Program, Golden Circle™
- AAUW Salary Negotiation Facilitator-Start Smart & Work Smart Program™
- Certified Mental Health First Aid™ USA

Past Speaking Engagement & Blog:

- The Toledo Rotary, April 25, 2022, [Bridging the Network Gap](#) to Eradicate Poverty.
- The Toledo Human Library, April 9, 2022, the City of Toledo Human Relation Commission, Unjudge Someone
- Featured Speaker, December 7, 2021, PINKK- Powerfully Inspiring Networking and Knowledge with Kindness, INSPIRATION KINDNESS 3rd Annual Luncheon, The Cliff Dwellers, Chicago.
- BLOG Story, December 11, 2020, Women of Toledo [#HerStory Campaign, Belonging](#)
- Panel and Breakout Session Speaker, March 8th, 2020, [Women of Color Leadership Summit 2020](#) presented by the Center for Women and Gender Equity in partnership with the Graduate Women's Caucus, Bowling Green State University.
- Guest speaker, for WGST 1150 Proseminar class, Department of Women's & Gender Studies, The University of Toledo.
- Featured Speaker, October 8, 2019, Muslimas for Change (MuDeltaAlpha), The University of Toledo.
- Featured Speaker, July 2, 2019, Power for Civic Engagement, Reynolds Corners Rotary Club
- Speaker, May 22, 2019, Women's Leadership, United Parcel Service (UPS).
- Speaker, April 24, 2019, Women in Leadership Luncheon, FirstEnergy Toledo Edison.
- Speaker, June 18, 2018, on Diversity on Networking, Connex Nation Breakfast.
- Panel Presenter, March 21, 2018, on [Women making a difference: A Panel on Inspired Leadership](#), The University of Toledo conjunction with Women's History Month.
- Panel Presenter, January 25, 2018, for [Embracing Our Feminine Genius Symposium](#), Toledo Notre Dame Academy. Panel Dialogue on Let's Lead! Leaders of Today Inspire Leaders of Tomorrow.
- Speaker, March 29, 2017 [#WEE Goes Global Live](#) Galvanize San Francisco, California.
- National Presenter, the Year 2017 UN Women Empower Women on The Global Movement for Women's Economic Empowerment.
- Feature Panel, March 18, 2017, for the 5th Annual Women of The World Toledo Symposium-Honoring Trailblazing Women and Girls. Panel Dialogue on Trailblazing Across the Globe: Why Toledo?
- Feature Panel, March 25, 2017, at Sanger Branch Toledo Public Library for Her Story: A Celebration of Women's History Month sponsored by Steinem's Sisters.
- Opening Remarks Speaker, October 8, 2016, at UAW Local 12 in conjunction with Former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, American for Responsible Solutions (ARS) for Vocal Majority Bus Tour.

- Feature storyteller No. 2, the year 2016 for [The Sit & Tell Project](#), a community-based art project about Strong Women of Toledo.
- Full Remarks Speaker, June 4, 2016, at Navarre Park, Toledo for Women's Empowerment March V.O.I.C.E organized by FLOC HOMIES Union.
- Workshop Presenter, March 19, 2016, at 4th Annual Women of the World Symposium-A Celebration of Women's Lives: Past, Present & Future on The Golden Circle: Why Discovery.

Media, Featured, & As Seen In:

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