







## **Elliot Begoun**Founder, Brand Champion













#### Agenda:

#### 8:00 am Opening Remarks

8:15 am Keynote Speaker: Clara Paye, UNITE Foods

#### 9:00 am Survival and Funding

- Emcee, Jake Karls Mid Day Squares
  - Nick McCoy, Whipstitch Capital
  - o Isabella Hughes, Better Sour
  - Jessica Bates, Dwight Funding
  - o Arno Hesse, Slow Money Northern California
  - Chuck Cotter, Holland & Hart

#### 9:40 am Refreshment Break and Networking

#### 10:00 am Scaling your Brand

- Emcee, Victoria Ho, Sherpa CPG
  - Michael Movitz, Brandjectory
  - o Brandon Hernandez, Whole Brain Consulting
  - Matthew Parry, The Good Crisp Company
  - Hillary Hughes, Foster Garvey

#### 10:40 am Getting into Retail

- Emcee, Daniel Scharff, Machu Picchu
  - Jason Bidart, Thrive Market
  - Ann Pendleton, Compass Group
  - Mitch Orland, Earth Fare
  - Matt Levine, Chlorophyll Water

#### 11:20 am Selling in Retail

- Emcee, Heather Terry, GoodSAM
  - Eric Schnell, Beyond Brands
  - Benji Fitts, SPINS
  - o Janice Greenwald, Marketing Consultant
  - o Paul Voge, Aura Bora

#### 12:00pm Networking Lunch



## Natural Products Business School Expo East







#### Natural Products Conundrum



Emerging brands have captured \$18 to \$20 billion in market share from the top 25 CPG companies in the last 10 years.

#### Yet...

An estimated **80%** to **90%** of those brands fail within the first two years.





- Early risk capital is scarce
- Founders forced to get further and last longer on less
- Industry norm has been to chase growth for growth's sake
- We aren't building good businesses under great brands
- We are playing funding Frogger
- We aren't working together, brand, distributor, retailer





- Contribution Margin
  - The money left over from sales after paying all variable expenses associated with producing a product
- Variable expenses
  - COGS (cost of goods)
  - Outbound freight
  - Free fills
  - Trade/promotions
  - o Brokerage fees/commissions
  - Acquisition





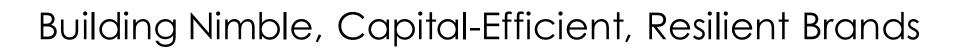
When you say "yes" to a growth opportunity. You lock resources in a box /

- Inventory
- Receivables
- Free-fills
- Trade spend
- Acquisition
- Marketing
- Merchandising
- Bandwidth



#### Ponder

- Should I put profit before growth and cash before everything?
- Can I raise aligned capital?
- How do I execute on shelf in a capital efficient, nimble way?
- What connections can I make in the room to power my business?
- What can I take from today and deploy tomorrow?





- Capital-Efficient
- Growth Hypothesis
- Growth Hacking
- Investment Readiness
- Shopper Continuum

- Discipline
- Nimbleness
- Accountability
- Community
- Resilience

## **Keynote Speaker:**



Clara Paye
UNiTE Foods



## **Natural Products**

**Business School** 



## **Our Story**



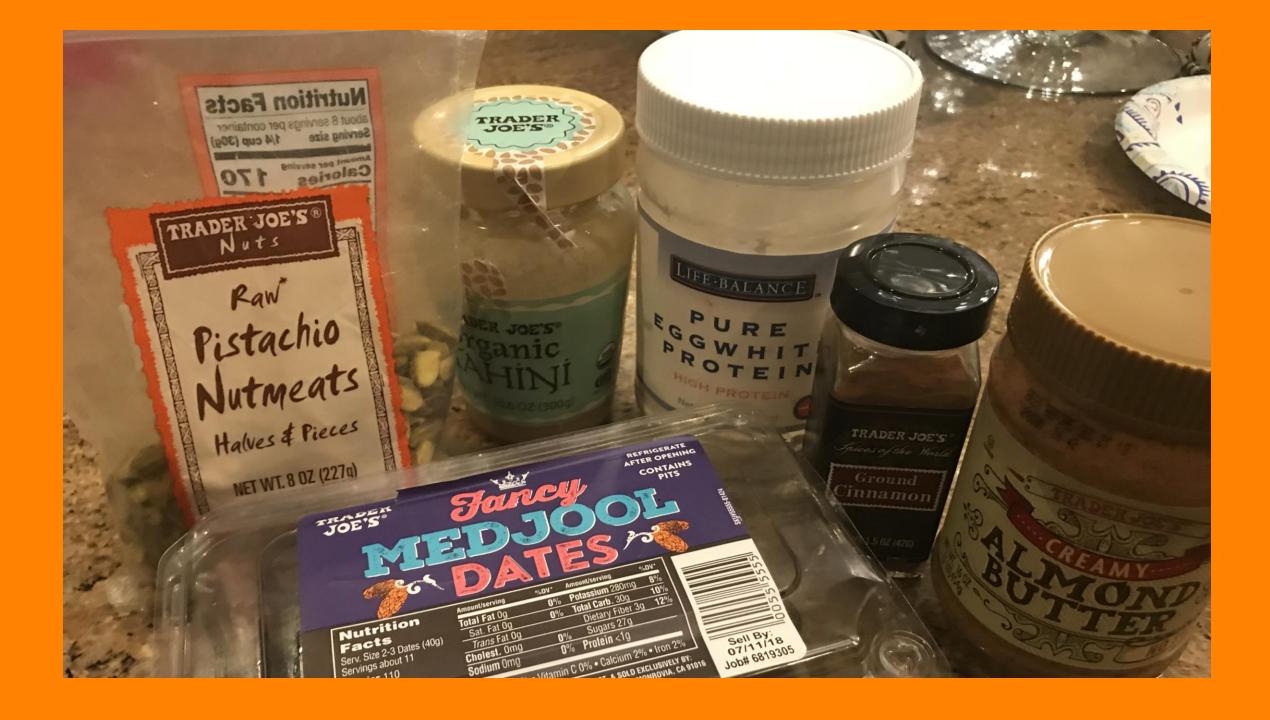
#### I'M CLARA PAYE.

Mom, Wife, Busy Entrepreneur, People-Person, Immigrant.

When I needed a nutrition bar to meet my needs, **I did not see the flavors of my culture** or any other culture! And I saw a tremendous opportunity to bring diversity to wellness.

I founded UNITE to make **craveable**, **globally-inspired nutrition bars** that excite and inspire with every bite.

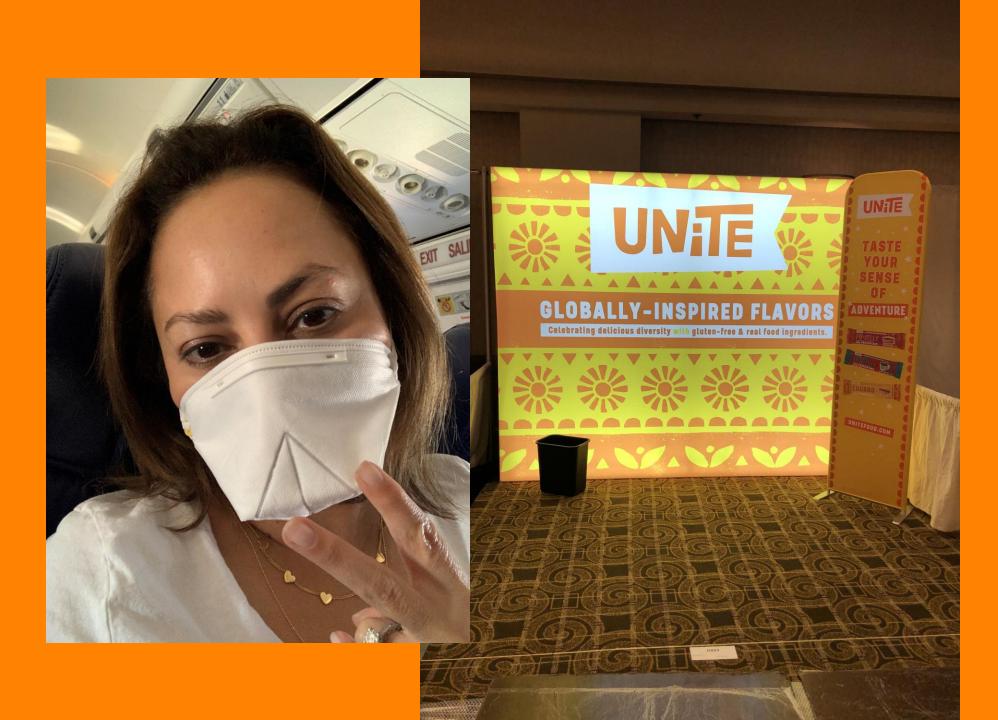
Whether you're longing for a **nostalgic taste of home** or a **flavor adventure**, each of our bars is crafted with simple, real ingredients and the nutrition to fuel all of your adventures.













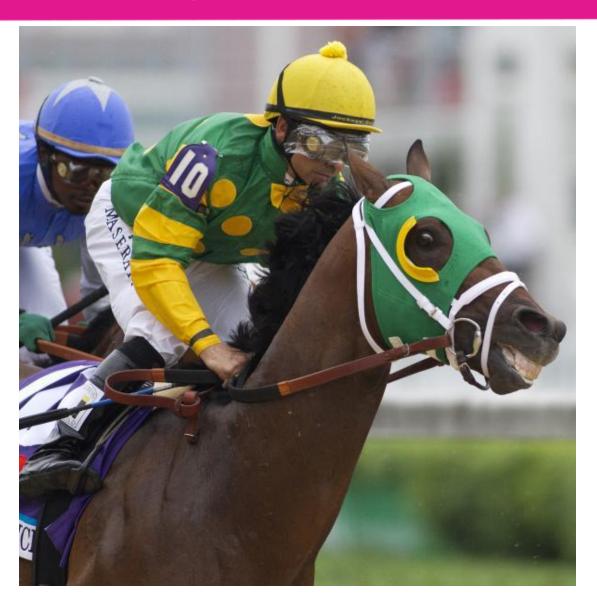


## **Current Distribution**





## Win your own race



## **Empathy**Your Super Power



#### **Empathy for your Consumer**



- Be obsessed
- Who are they? What problem are you solving in their life?
- Build a tribe
- Give them opportunities to connect with you
- How can you give back?



These are soooo yummy! The Mexican hot chocolate is so bomb. My kids even love them!



We are really enjoying these bars. I love the nontraditional flavors, and even my toddler loves them! They have no chalky texture, the flavors are great and flavorful, and they do a great job of filling me up.



Being a pregnant mom, I've been looking for healthier snacks options with more protein and fiber. I think I'll be buying those bars for my kids as well because the ingredients are so clean.

## **Packaging**

- How can your packaging help your consumer solve their problems
- Strong packaging is a must
- Don't skimp here!

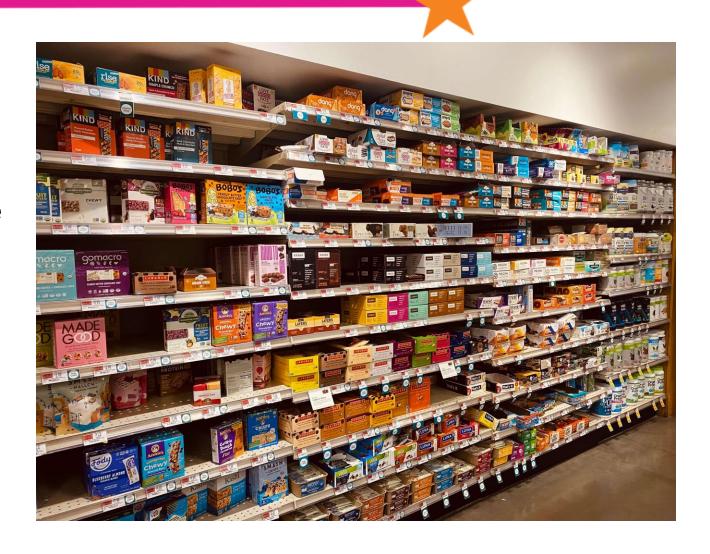






## **Empathy for your Buyer**

- What are you adding to their set?
- Can you get it there on time and in full?
- How will you support once it's on shelf?
- How are you going to make their life easier?





- They are co-investing in your business.
- What will make you a great partner?
- How will you build your velocity to grow?
- Can you give them a forecast?



# What about the most important person in your business?



## **Empathy for yourself**

- Peer Groups
- Industry SlackChannels
- Founder Specific Groups
- Accelerator programs







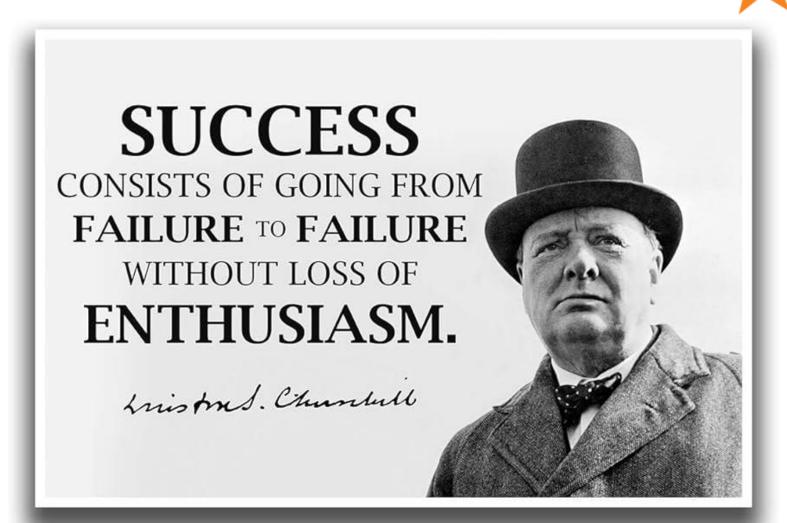








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