



# NRF Foundation Announces The List Of People Shaping Retail's Future 2016

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The NRF Foundation today announced the 25 individuals named to The List of People Shaping Retail's Future 2016. The List honorees represent the best and brightest individuals impacting the retail industry today and will be recognized and celebrated at the NRF Foundation Gala on January 17, 2016 in New York City.

The Gala, in its second year, will bring together hundreds of industry executives to celebrate and honor The List of People Shaping Retail's Future and award scholarships to talented students striving to become the next generation of retail leaders.

"The List of People Shaping Retail's Future

represents the most innovative and impressive group of professionals impacting the retail industry today," said NRF Senior Vice President and Foundation Executive Director Ellen Davis. "We are thrilled to celebrate 'The List' and hold them up as shining examples of the talent, passion and creativity that drive the retail industry forward. Recognizing our List honorees and awarding scholarships to students who want to succeed in retail goes right to the heart of the NRF Foundation's mission – shaping retail's future."

The 25 individuals named to The List of People Shaping Retail's Future 2016 are (click title of group to see bios for individuals):

## [Disruptors:](#)

Jessica Herrin, CEO and founder, Stella & Dot Family Brands  
Katrina Lake, CEO and founder, Stitch Fix  
Kyle Nel, executive director, Lowe's Innovation Labs, Lowe's Companies, Inc.  
Greg Petro, president and CEO, First Insight  
Debbie Sterling, founder and CEO, GoldieBlox

## [Dreamers:](#)

Moziyah Bridges, founder and CEO, Mo's Bows  
Matthew Corrin, founder and CEO, Freshii  
Danielle DiFerdinando, founder and creative director, Danielle Nicole  
Alexis Ringwald, co-founder and CEO, LearnUp

## [Givers:](#)

Tory Burch, chairman and co-CEO, Tory Burch



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LLC, founder, Tory Burch Foundation  
Erin Harper, senior program manager, local producer loan program, Whole Foods Market  
Kindley Walsh Lawlor, vice president, global sustainability, Gap, Inc.  
Bea Perez, vice president and chief sustainability officer, The Coca-Cola Company  
Doug Rauch, founder and president, Daily Table  
Laysha Ward, executive vice president and chief corporate social responsibility officer, Target

**Influencers:** Walter Loeb, president, Loeb Associates  
Courtney Reagan, retail reporter, CNBC  
Al Sambar, managing partner, retail and consumer group, Kurt Salmon

Dana Telsey, CEO and chief research officer, Telsey Advisory Group  
The Honorable Mark R. Warner, United States Senator for Virginia

**Power Players:**

Mary Dillon, CEO, Ulta Beauty  
Gary Friedman, chairman and CEO, Restoration Hardware  
Michelle Gass, chief merchandising and customer officer, Kohl's  
James Rhee, executive chairman and CEO, Ashley Stewart  
Stormy Simon, president, Overstock.com

The NRF Foundation shapes retail's future by building awareness of the industry through statistics and stories; developing talent through education, experiences and scholarships; and

fostering career growth among people who work in retail. The NRF Foundation is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit arm of the National Retail Federation and is funded in part by generous donations from retail industry supporters. NRF.com/Foundation.