

# POPcorn Queen Khadijah Polly

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Khadijah “Kay” Polly, owner and POPprietor of Kay’s Kettle Corn, lives in Houston, TX and has always had an entrepreneurial spirit. She is originally from Los Angeles, CA and has a BS in Marketing from Grambling State University in Grambling, LA and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She is also a public speaker and the founder of Popcorn CEO’s (Children’s Economic Opportunities) which is a program that teaches middle school and high school students the principles of entrepreneurship based on the fundamentals of supply chain management.

## **Please explain to us what your company does:**

Kay’s Kettle Corn is a gourmet popcorn company based in Houston, TX. I make all natural gluten free and preservative free kettle corn in small batches. My popcorn is sold in two stores in Houston and has also been featured in SWAG VIP gift boxes. I also have a monthly subscription based “Auto POP Club” that I ship to members nationwide. In addition, I have sponsored “lite bites” for numerous events and hosted two volumes of my standing room only “Popcorn And Poetry” events. What I am most excited about and proud of is that I have been able to volunteer my time as a speaker to students on entrepreneurship and offer a fundraiser program called “POPPIN With A PURPOSE” to help schools and non-profits reach their financial goals! My business is not JUST popcorn, it’s a way for me to combine my love for entrepreneurship with my passion for community service and philanthropy.

**Describe your brand in two words:**

Amazingly Delicious

**Who or what inspires you?**

I'm inspired by possibility and opportunities. I believe that if I can see it or dream it, I can achieve it. There are wonderful examples of people who have so why not me? Just the thought that something CAN be done inspires me.

**Please share an inspiring story of your journey into entrepreneurship:**

I started Kay's Kettle Corn in 2012 while working as a full-time corporate recruiter in the oil and gas industry. I've always had a passion for entrepreneurship, but it wasn't until last summer in July on my 33rd birthday that I decided to take a leap of faith (literally, I went sky diving) and go for my dreams full throttle. That was the day that I decided to live fearlessly and MAKE MY DREAMS POP! I set the plan in motion to quit my job and take Kay's Kettle corn to the next level. In October of 2014 I quit my job and with tons of hard work, support of my family, friends and sorority sisters it's been POPPIN ever since.

**How can potential customers reach you?**

Via our website [www.kayskettlecorn.com](http://www.kayskettlecorn.com) and our social media pages @Kays Kettle Corn (Facebook, IG and Twitter)



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