

Shantel is the co-founder and CEO of <u>Imagine Media Consulting</u>. Prior to founding Imagine Media, Shantel started a Wedding Planning company in Chicago and co-founded a non-profit (<u>Operation Celebration</u>) aimed at assisting students in need. She is a true go-getter, with a deep love and respect for small businesses. The mission at Imagine Media is to give an online voice to companies who wouldn't otherwise have the time to do so, sharing their stories and connecting them to their audiences with purpose and authenticity.

Shantel and her rockstar team of 'Imagineers' work hard to cultivate and nurture relationships first, profiles second and the partnerships they have developed as a result have become the foundation for an incredibly successful young company. In fact, the company was recently named one of the <u>Best Places to Work in 2018</u> by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and has doubled year over year for the last five years, reaching one million in revenue last year (2017), an achievement celebrated by *only* 4% of businesses on average.

As a board member for the Entrepreneurs Organization (EO) Atlanta chapter and a previous member of the EO Accelerator Program, she is able to network with and learn from some incredibly talented business professionals in the area. Shantel hosts a weekly podcast titled <u>Imagine More</u> where she features other successful entrepreneurs as a way to inspire and build community.

In her free time, she loves spending time walking The Beltline with her big, lovable (and very hairy) Golden Retriever pup, Gunnar and bike riding with her fiance, Joseph.

Read more about how she got started and the story of Imagine Media here and watch a short video here.

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