

INTERVIEW WITH MOLLIE JONES HENNES



How long have you been at Bash Please?

My business partner, Sunna, and I have had our company since 2016. We first met when I was working for a catering company in the Bay Area. Sunna was an event planner and a client of mine. We had an instant connection that led to the start of an amazing friendship. I encouraged her to leave her job and join me at the catering company. Our different strengths compliment each other and have allowed us to be a dynamic duo. After several years at the catering company, we were ready to venture on our own!

What type of event goods do you think you can repurpose?

There are so many items brides are choosing to purchase themselves rather than rent. Pillows, candles, votives, cake stands, trays, platters, and cocktails napkins.

You have been to hundreds of weddings. What makes a wedding unique to you?

Make the wedding an extension of a dinner party at your home. You want to make it personal!

I had a couple who served table size martinis because that was their favorite drink. People don't want their wedding to look like the typical wedding. I've seen small tables mixed with larger tables and even bar tables included for dinner.

Any new wedding trends we should look out for?

Big weddings are back in! As I mentioned earlier, couples are making their wedding more personal and an extension of themselves.

How did you get into the event planning industry?

I have always been planning parties and events from a young age. After I graduated college, I knew I needed experience in hospitality first so I worked at the Ritz Carlton before moving on to other areas of the event planning industry. Once I mastered those areas, I knew it was time to go out on my own!

What do you love most about your job?

No two days are the same, or any of our events! Things are ever changing and it's been fun to create new and fresh experiences for each of our clients.

Best advice for a couple starting to plan their wedding?

Lean into the experts around you and trust them. They will never steer you in the wrong direction!

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

My husband and I love to travel and explore the world. When we are in California, we love weekends at our home on the Russian River with our dog Lola!