

Woman with a Heart for Bakersfield

Cassie Bittle



Cassie Bittle has an enthusiastic heart for Bakersfield. With her infectious personality and love for the community, Cassie likes to think of herself as “Bakersfield’s Cheerleader.” Those who know Cassie describe her as resilient, determined, motivated and optimistic. Throughout the pandemic,

Cassie has shown her passion for Bakersfield by spreading the message, “we’re all suffering, but that doesn’t mean that we quit.”

In 2012, Cassie’s family invested in KC Steakhouse, a long-time staple in the community. Cassie joined the family business at age 15, while still attending Ridgeview High School. Since that time, Cassie has devoted herself to becoming an expert in her field: from wine sommelier training to culinary classes. It is her passion to learn every facet of the food industry. Building personal relationships with local producers has become a hobby, as Cassie states, “learning all that Kern County produces could take a lifetime.”

During the pandemic, Cassie joined the formation of the Kern County Restaurant and Bar Association, seeking to keep local businesses alive. Cassie also contributed to the community by feeding frontline workers. A member of the Downtown Business Association, she serves at downtown clean-ups, leads as a block-to-block captain, and keeps the spirits of fellow community members up. Cassie works side by side with both the public and private sectors to help ensure the safety and success of our community.

Cassie is an active member of our State’s Homeless Crisis committee. She has served on the Advisory Council for the new Brundage Lane Navigation Center, which is helping to address the homeless crisis. Cassie has

participated in river cleanups, youth leadership events, and community outreach. She further shows her passion to give back by working with local media companies to shed light on quality-of-life issues, achievements, and events in town.

Recently, Cassie was selected by City Councilman Ken Weir to further serve our community through the Planning Commission, an advisory body to the City Council. As one of seven commission members, Cassie is eager to watch our community flourish into a promising future.

Cassie grew up with a supportive family on a small ranch on the outskirts of Bakersfield. Cassie’s dedicated drive is influenced through her family’s values, “to work hard and give back to those who are less fortunate.” Cassie looks up to her father, Brett Pelton, and mother, Michelle Pelton, for working long hours, holidays, and weekends to provide for their children. Cassie has two brothers who are married with beautiful children, and claims she is the “stubborn workaholic.” One lesson that has changed Cassie’s life is to “never be afraid to ask questions and to get to know people because you never know where it might lead, and I’m thankful for where it has led.” In her spare time, Cassie enjoys going for relaxing drives through Kern County, floating down the Kern River and enjoying all the beauty that is Bakersfield – the city she loves.

