

Learn more about Marisa Sweeney, a community and food minded community partner:

Marisa is also the Co-owner and Creator of The New Jersey VegFest: The Garden State's Official Vegan Food Festival. Founded in 2014, The New Jersey VegFest, is one of the largest vegan food festivals in the country that brings together vegan and plant-based businesses, non-profits, community leaders and thousands of attendees every year.

In addition to her business ventures, she was the 2022 President of the New Jersey Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the current New Jersey Representative in the House of Delegates for the national Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Advisory Board Member for the Food and Nutrition Department of University of Saint Elizabeth, and serves on Morristown's Planning Board. She currently teaches graduate classes at Northeastern University, and has been a guest lecturer at Montclair, Rutgers, Rowan, Saint Elizabeth University, Drew, Drexel, NYU and Columbia University.

Marisa has received many awards and accolades for her work. Among them, she was named the 2019 Nutrition Entrepreneur of the Year by the national Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; she was an NJBIZ 40 Under 40 honoree in 2020 as well as Montclair State University's Featured Alum of the Year; and the Women's Center for Entrepreneurship Corporation named her a "Woman of the Year" Finalist.