

Judaline Cassidy is a feminist, plumber, tradeswoman, activist, motivational speaker, and advocate. Her peculiarity not only lies in the path of her career but also in her personality, as she is charming, kind-hearted, diligent, and compassionate. A native of the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago, Judaline was amongst the first three women selected to learn plumbing at the John Donaldson Technical Institute of Trinidad (now known as the University of Trinidad and Tobago). She has worked extensively for over two decades as a plumber and loves every bit of her craft. Over the years, she has inspired more women to become skilled professionals.

After founding, “Lean In Women in Trades” to help tradeswomen share information and learn from each other, Judaline started “Tools & Tiaras” in 2017 as a way to expose, inspire, mentor, and show the next generation of young girls and women how the trades are a meaningful “non-traditional” career path for women. Through weekend workshops, week-long summer camps, and speaking engagements, Judaline has changed the lives of many, especially women and even young girls. Her camps and workshops have instructed girls as young as 6.

“You have to see it to believe it,” she says frequently. “More importantly, you need to expose careers in the trades to girls before society has convinced them there are only certain career paths for them to follow. The trades are a fulfilling – and profitable – career for females. My goal is to show more women and young girls the career – and confidence – the trades have given me. If the future is female, as they say, we must start preparing the next generation for that future today.”

Tools & Tiaras has been featured on several national and global outlets, including CBS News, The Megyn Kelly Show, NJ12, PIX11, BBC America, and The Drew Barrymore Show.

Judaline has numerous prestigious accomplishments in her career, including becoming one of the first women to be accepted into Plumbers Local 371 Staten Island, New York in 1996. She also was the first woman elected to the Examining Board of Plumbers Local No. 1. Judaline is a proud member of Plumbers Local Union No. 1 in New York City, where she helped usher in the first Women's Committee within her union, serving as that committee's first president.

Judaline has been recognized for her leadership and relentless efforts by prominent organizations, such as the Women Builders Council, which saluted her as one of their 2018 Outstanding Women. She also was the recipient of the 92nd Street Y's Extraordinary Women 2018 Rising Star Award, and the Regina V. Polk Women Labour Leadership 2019 Alumna of the Year. She serves on the board of the Monumental Women, an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to placing the first statue honoring women's history in New City's Central Park and on the Advisory Board for Women's Building NYC. She was featured as one of CNN's 2020 Champions For Change profiles.