

Rachael Ristau is a fellow Wells alumni, Class of 2015, former resident of Leach & Maine, Collegiate Trustee, Barista at the Grind, and most importantly, Oddline Song Leader.

Rachael's entrepreneurial spirit first emerged at age 16 when she founded a local memorial park called the Fayetteville Memory Garden. It took their entire community and people from all sectors and ages to raise awareness about and funds for the \$150k project. Eleven years later, many fellow alums have joined Rachael at the annual garden clean up.

Eager to learn more strategies for community building, Rachael attended Wells College and graduated with a BA in Psychology with a minor in business management. From there she pursued an MA in Global Thought at Columbia University and an MPA for Public Administration at the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University.

Her efforts to find real world examples of corporate sustainability led her to pursue internships in London, the US, and lastly in Costa Rica where she studied the triple bottom line business model in action.

Hungry to apply her learnings, she returned to the NYC to run the events division, and later oversaw all supply chains, for Repeat Roses, a sustainability-focused start up. At the onset of the pandemic, the company shutdown and Rachael returned to her roots in Syracuse where she began managing the largest farmers market on the east coast.

Most recently she's relocated to Fairfield, CT to serve as the Corporate Responsibility Manager for Bigelow Tea.