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Alaina is the founder and former CEO of Garman Homes. She is a homebuilder, speaker, writer and podcaster. Alaina holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame, in Biology and a Masters of Healthcare Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Known for her award-winning blog, Build Like a Girl, Alaina is passionate about the role of marginalized voices in homebuilding and construction. Alaina is an alum of Professional Builder Magazine's list of 40 Under 40. Raleigh Magazine included her as one of 19 women Shaping the Future of Raleigh and in 2024 the Women in Residential + Commercial Construction Conference named her Woman of the Year.

Locally, Alaina has been named Builder of the Year twice by the Homebuilders Association of Raleigh-Wake County and by the Homebuilders Association of Durham, Orange and Chatham Counties. Alaina has donated three homes to Operation Coming Home for Gold Star Families and her company Garman Homes is currently constructing a 4th to honor the life of a fallen service member. Alaina served as Chair for the Residential Neighborhood Development Council for the Urban Land Institute from 2020-2023. Alaina also served on the Housing Advisory Board for the Town of Apex, her hometown of over 20 years. She built the Concept Home for the America at Home Study in 2021 in just 60 days amidst the industry's worst supply chain crisis.

Alaina also built 15 Tiny Homes for The Farm at Penny Lane, an affordable housing community in partnership with the UNC-CH Schools of Medicine and Social Work. The Farm at Penny Lane has been recognized nationally as a case study for affordable housing solutions - specifically for people suffering from mental health issues including military trauma and addiction.

Alaina's work has been featured in Forbes, USA Today, ProBuilder, and Builder Magazine as well as broadcast on both CNNBusiness and FoxBusiness. Alaina is a frequent keynote speaker known for candidly sharing deeply personal stories of struggle and triumph to empower and inspire others. She is currently writing a book about the experience of building her dream home in Downtown Apex. Her book will document her experience of creating space for her multigenerational blended family where everyone feels loved, accepted and safe to be exactly who they were always meant to be. Alaina is married to her partner in business and life, Jim Garman. Together they share 5 children, 4 pets, a few companies and an abiding passion for giving back to causes and communities near and dear to their hearts.