

## Steve Mariotti's Bio

Named Social Entrepreneur of the Decade by the International Association of Top Professionals, Mr. Mariotti has written or co-authored over 40 books and manuals on Entrepreneurship, Ownership and Financial Literacy of which there are an estimated 10 million copies in print. His recently published memoirs GOODBYE HOMEBOY is an Amazon Best Seller. It was named the top educational non-fiction book in education for the year in 2019.

Mr. Mariotti, a proud son of Flint, Michigan, began his career at the Ford Motor Company's Finance Staff at World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan as an international financial analyst. Wanting to start his own business Mariotti left Ford after 2 and half years and moving to New York City founded Mason Import & Export company, a manufacturer representative for 20 overseas manufacturers in third world countries.

In 1982 Mr. Mariotti switched careers becoming a Special Education Teacher in the South Bronx specializing in enabling students who were not doing well in school and had dropped out to re-enter and take the class he developed entitled: The Young Entrepreneur's Guide to starting and managing your own small business, which was a success with 25 dropouts reentering school and 23 graduating two years later. Encouraged by this success Mr. Mariotti founded the Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship: [www.nfte.com](http://www.nfte.com) (also known as NFTE, pronounced NIFTY) in 1988. Thirty-two years later NFTE has over one million graduates from its mini-MBA program and has become a global movement with over 12,000 trained teachers and programs in ten countries and 17 American cities.

Considered an expert in education, Steve was a 2012 inductee into the Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. He has received numerous awards, including:

Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award

The Bernard A. Goldhirsh Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award

The New York Enterprise Report's 2012 Founders Award for Social Entrepreneurship

The National Director's Entrepreneurship Award from the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce

The Association of Education Publishers' Golden Lamp Award for the best curriculum in America in 2002  
2010's best curriculum for the 11th edition of the book "Entrepreneurship: Owning Your Future"

The USASBE Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year

The CEO Club's Social Entrepreneur of the Year

America's Top High School Business Teacher

Steve Mariotti is a prominent advocate for entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship education worldwide and has been profiled on many national media programs including ABC Evening News and 20/20.

In addition, Steve attended the World Economic Forum ([www.weforum.org](http://www.weforum.org)) for 9 years co-authoring the widely acclaimed paper: The Next Wave of Entrepreneurs that guided several governments in how to implement a youth entrepreneurship program on a national basis.

Steve received his BBA and MBA in international finance from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has also studied at Harvard University, Brooklyn College, Stanford University and Princeton University. Mr. Mariotti is a Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

His hobbies include the collection of Rare Books, Chess, Tennis and Hiking. He lives with his two cats Jessica and Dante in Princeton, New Jersey.