

Michael Hyacinthe is an 8-year United States Navy Veteran who served as a U.S. Navy Seabee. His military service took him around the world to Iceland, Guam, Europe and the Middle East. Michael is a serial entrepreneur focusing on social enterprises. He is the co-founder and chairman of [Has Heart] an organization that provides creative outlets for veterans. He is also the CEO and founder of Wimage or Words to Images. Wimage is a children's media company that produces educational and entertainment content to help kids learn, create and explore. Through Wimage Michael is the Executive producer of a children's television show called Wimee's Words featuring their IP Wimee the Robot. Wimee's Words is currently seen on PBS stations in 24 different markets and other streaming platforms. Their Goal is to develop the next sesame street for digital age learners that inspires kids to be creators and storytellers. His most recent accomplishment was a three-book deal by book giant HarperCollins through their ZonderKidz Imprint. Their first book Wimee Creates with Vehicle and Colors launches July 18th but can be preordered now where wherever fine books are sold.

Michael truly believes that creativity is a very powerful tool that can help Veterans heal and children learn. His entrepreneurial Journey has gained him national recognition as a top 30 under 30 entrepreneur by INC magazine, top 40 under 40 by the Grand Rapids Business Journal and most recently a top ten admired leaders of 2022 by Industry Era Magazine. Michael is also the lead facilitator and founding member at Grand Valleys State University's Michigan Veterans entrepreneurship Lab where he helps Michigan veteran start and grow businesses. Originally from the Bronx, New York Michael resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan with his family. Michael loves the game of basketball and spending time with his kids. His all-time favorite Musician is hip hop artist Nas.