

# A LETTER FROM THE *editor*

I am so pleased we are finally in 2020! In our office, we have been referring to 2020 as the year of abundance. This issue of The One we'll call "the issue of abundance." We thought we had a pretty good issue put together, then totally last minute, a bunch of unexpected business flowed in! That just goes to show you, "ask and ye shall receive!" (plus, be patient and work hard.)

There's a note I wrote to myself a long time ago that I have laminated in my wallet reminding me to be thankful and focus on attracting good things. "I thank God for the abundance that surrounds me and I thank God for the abundance on its way. I will share God's glory with the world by demonstrating my faith in Him." We do live in abundance. We just have to look around and recognize it.

I feel overflowing gratitude for all of our advertisers who make The One Bride Guide possible, and especially for the hard work of Emily Rodriguez this issue. She was put to the test, not only working outside her comfort zone, but literally almost launched out of her "comfort zone" in our off-road vehicle during our cover shoot (see pg 6). Thank you Emily!

We are so grateful for our community of brides and vendors and love being in the wedding industry. We have a ton of big plans for 2020 and hope you'll follow us to be a part of it - we want your input as we strive to provide the best resources for you. Please contact us with things you'd like to see in the magazine or online and make sure to submit your wedding after you've said your "I do's" if you are in the planning stage.

Thank you for picking up The One. Be sure to check out our online resource at [www.theone.community](http://www.theone.community). We are building that up to serve you! We send you blessings and abundance this year! Happy planning!

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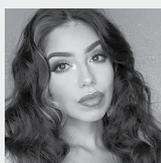
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