From Maya’s Cookies: “We are a vegan business which means that we do not use any animal products in our cookies. This allows us to minimize the amount of pollution that goes into the cultivation, management, and transportation of our ingredients. We aim to use our own success to uplift the small businesses around us and improve our community as a whole. We continue to source as many organic and local ingredients as possible. We actively seek collaborative efforts with other companies and individuals who have values that align with our own. Majority of our packaging is recyclable and reusable and/or made with recycled materials. We are currently testing compostable slips to package our cookies in. Maya has been a repeat keynote speaker at various lectures and workshops in the African-American community that highlight the various benefits of eating whole plant-based foods. Additionally, Maya uses her business as a way to support underserved youth (specifically those in foster care) by offering internship and mentorship opportunities.”