

History of Women of Distinction Honorees

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Progress for Women

- 2018 Betsy Umhofer
- 2017 Janna Nichols
- 2016 Anita Robinson
- 2015 Lisa Ray
- 2014 Helene Finger
- 2010 Robin Rinzler
- 2009 Patricia McQuaid
- 2008 Donna Jones
- 2007 Jennifer Adams
- 2006 Sandra Boxer
- 2005 Kathleen Huggins
- 2004 Eileen Allan & Ruth Brackett
- 2003 Phyllis Madonna
- 2002 Marianne Kennedy
- 2001 Karen Aydelott & Isabel Ruiz
- 2000 Rosa Saucedo Rodriguez & Estella Vasquez
- 1999 Angie King
- 1998 Bonita Zisla & Dr Patrice Engle
- 1997 Judith Bean
- 1996 Ann F Fairbairn (posthumous)
- 1995 Marianne Lefebvre
- 1994 Patricia Harris
- 1993 The Honorable Teresa Estrada-Mullaney
- 1991/92 Karen Ramsay
- 1990 Betty Branch

Community and Public Service, Professional

- 2018 Grace McIntosh
- 2017 Nancy Walker
- 2016 Lisa Fraser
- 2015 Jill Bolster-White
- 2014 Jeanette Duncan
- 2010 Ann Robb
- 2009 Lillian Judd
- 2008 Dee Torres
- 2007 Gayle Peron
- 2006 Deborah Nicklas
- 2005 Kathy Hannemann & Dr. Barbara George
- 2004 Sandi Sigurdson
- 2003 Jayma Newland & Karen Kile
- 2002 Mary Gamlin
- 2001 Karen Tacket
- 2000 Janice Fong Wolf
- 1999 Alice Reyes
- 1998 Maria Singleton
- 1997 Sjany DeGroot
- 1996 Maggie Cox
- 1995 Vanessa Campbell & Isabel Funaro
- 1994 Bertha W Foxford Cook
- 1993 Dixie Adair-Burke

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- 1991/92 Elizabeth "Biz" Steinberg
- 1990 Lois Barber

Community and Public Service, Young Professional

- 2010 Lauren Cross / Cecilia Davis
- 2009 Not Awarded
- 2008 Anna Boyd-Bucy
- 2007 Not Awarded
- 2006 Joy Pedersen

Community and Public Service, Young Volunteer

- 2008 Kristi McWilliams
- 2007 Not Awarded
- 2006 Not Awarded
- 2005 Susan Ayala
- 2004 Not Awarded
- 2003 Not Awarded
- 2002 Elena Grover

Community and Public Service, Volunteer

- 2018 Anita Shower
- 2017 Shelly Higginbotham
- 2016 Cherie K. Michaelson
- 2015 Grenda Ernst
- 2014 Sandy Richardson
- 2010 Marilee Hyman
- 2009 Julie Frankel
- 2008 Pearl Munak
- 2007 Mary Moss Barth
- 2006 Linda Chipping
- 2005 Charlotte Byrne & Lyn Baker
- 2004 Norma Moye, Melanie Cleveland & Betty Fiscalini
- 2003 Maria Morrissey & Dotty Conner
- 2002 Rosemary Bowker (Environment)
Nan Fowler (Community Development)
and Ann Reams (Art)
- 2001 Donna Mills
- 2000 Ella Honeycut
- 1999 Barbie Butz
- 1998 Linda Minton
- 1997 Eilleen Bowen
- 1996 Lorraine Vidac
- 1995 Yolanda Waddell
- 1994 Anita W Sands
- 1993 Nancy Culver
- 1991/92 Mary Trull
- 1990 Patricia Gomez

Women in Education

- 2016 Anna Bates

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- 2010 Jeanne Dukes
- 2009 Mary Matakovich
- 2008 Sholly von Stein
- 2007 Amelia Sherman
- 2006 Marylou Gooden
- 2005 Linda Halisky & Dr. Susan Dressler
- 2004 Patricia Lindamood & Nanci Bell
- 2003 Andrea Blanco
- 2002 Donna Crocker
- 2001 Lynn Frady Kelley
- 2000 Beverly Mick
- 1999 Carolyn Hornbuckle & Patricia Johnson
- 1998 Elaine Gardiner
- 1997 Roxy Peck
- 1996 Faylla Ann Chapman
- 1995 Barbara Horner & Dr Mary Parker
- 1994 Eileen Rogers
- 1993 Eldra C Avery
- 1991/92 Frances Reynolds
- 1990 Lucia Casalnuovo

Barbara George Women in Philanthropy

- 2016 Libbie Agran
- 2010 Beverly Gingg
- 2009 Sandy Dunn
- 2008 Candace Forbes
- 2007 Not Awarded
- 2006 Jane Sinton
- 2005 Dr Barbara George

Susan Dressler Educational Leadership (formally Susan Dressler Women in Administrative Leadership)

- 2017 Mila Vujovich-La Barre
- 2010 Susan Opava
- 2009 Candace Markwith
- 2008 Carolyn Moffatt
- 2007 Sonya Lanzen-Castellanos
- 2006 Pamela Martens
- 2005 Dr. Susan Dressler

Grace N Mitchell Lifetime Achievement

- 2018 Phyllis Davies
- 2017 Roxanne Carr
- 2016 Ann Robinson
- 2015 Elizabeth "Biz" Steinberg
- 2014 Barbie Butz
- 2010 Deborah Linden
- 2009 Sandee McLaughlin
- 2008 Sandy Richardson
- 2007 Barbara Partridge
- 2006 Kathleen Long
- 2005 Georgie O'Connor
- 2004 Not Awarded

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- 2003 Pat Butler
- 2002 Gaye Galvan
- 2001 Dee Lacey
- 2000 Not Awarded
- 1999 Dr. Grace N Mitchell

Woman of the Year

- 1989 Marilyn Apuzzo Rossa
- 1988 Linnea Phillips
- 1987 Arlene Chandler