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Women's Council Names 2017 ATHENA Awards Finalists Awards Recognize Extraordinary Professional Leaders

ROCHESTER, NY (October 21, 2016) Supporting its mission to recognize and empower professional women, the Women's Council, a Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce affiliate, announced the finalists chosen for the ATHENA Award and ATHENA Young Professional Award.

Women's Council President Wende Knapp, Esq., said, "The ATHENA Awards are known as Rochester's premier business awards and aim to celebrate the area's most influential professional women for their significant contributions to our community – personally and professionally. Honoring these finalists' achievements provides an opportunity to highlight the outstanding caliber of leadership in the Greater Rochester area."

A pre-selection committee chose the ATHENA Award finalists based on their significant professional achievements, community service endeavors, and leadership in the advancement of other professional women. Center for Youth Executive Director Elaine Spaul received the 2016 ATHENA Award.

The 2017 ATHENA Award finalists are:

- **Elizabeth Arthur**, Helendale Dermatology and Medical Spa Owner and Board Certified Dermatologist
- **Flor M. Colon**, Xerox Corporation Vice President, Strategic Alliances, EHS&S
- **Twyla Cummings**, Rochester Institute of Technology Dean of Graduate Education
- **Angela Ellis**, Livingston County Planning Department Director
- **Heather Goodbody**, The Goodbody Group at Merrill Lynch Senior Vice President, Private Wealth Advisor
- **Megan Henry**, Chairman of the Board and President of Exeter Trust Company and Managing Director of Trust Services at Manning & Napier
- **Nannette Nocon**, Nocon & Associates Private Wealth Advisor
- **Kathleen Parrinello**, Strong Memorial Hospital Chief Operating Officer and University of Rochester Medical Center Executive Vice President
- **Diane Shoger**, Monroe Community College Foundation Executive Director
- **Deborah Stamps**, Rochester Regional Health System Vice President, Quality, Safety, and Innovation
- **Kathleen Washington**, City of Rochester Deputy Commissioner, Neighborhood and Business Development
- **Mary Zelazny**, Finger Lakes Community Health Chief Executive Officer

The ATHENA Young Professional Award recognizes emerging leaders in the 30 to 45 year old range who demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession. Recipients also provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life of others in the community while serving as a role model for young women both personally and professionally. Trevett Cristo Salzer & Andolina, P.C. Partner Melanie Wolk took home the 2016 ATHENA Young Professional Award.

The 2017 ATHENA Young Professional Award finalists are:

- **Traci Adolph**, Samson Fuel and Trucking President
- **Melisza Campos**, Dale Carnegie Vice President, Operations and Instruction and Master Trainer
- **Tokeya Graham**, Monroe Community College Damon City Center Tenured Assistant English Professor
- **Kim Hoffman**, CaterTrax Vice President, Marketing
- **LaShunda Leslie-Smith**, Connected Communities Executive Director
- **Lindsay McCutchen**, Career Start President
- **Kate Michaels**, Northwestern Mutual Chief of Recruiting
- **Tiffany Paine-Cirincione**, University of Rochester Wilmot Cancer Center Associate Director, Advancement and Community Events
- **Elizabeth Schirmer Shores**, Untapped Shores International President and Co-founder
- **Tara Spencer**, Enterprise Fleet Management Director of Upstate, Central, and Western New York

A committee of renowned business professionals will select the recipients of both awards. The Women's Council presents the ATHENA Award and the ATHENA Young Professional Award at a luncheon January 19, 2017 at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center. [For ticket and sponsorship information](#), contact Nina Shelton at Nina.Shelton@GreaterRochesterChamber.com or (585) 256-4644.

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