



On February 2, the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and its Women's Council revealed who among the 12 finalists would receive this year's ATHENA International Award. With joy, excitement and grace, Carmen accepted the prestigious award as 500 guests at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center ballroom gave her a standing ovation and cheered. During her acceptance speech, she thanked all who have supported her and BTS, including her family and our volunteers.

Carmen's nomination included her many accomplishments, including her successful career in global corporate leadership roles, her mentorship of other

women, the founding and growth of BTS, and the immeasurable impact she has had locally and nationally as a volunteer and board member in several organizations.

Since 1982 the internationally-recognized ATHENA Award® Program has honored the achievements of exceptional women leaders who demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession; provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community; and actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential. *(Article written by Patrizia Corvaia)*



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