

# Top 10s Over the Years

## 2018 Honorees

April Boyle  
Build Institute  
2018 Red Tape

Tinesha Cherry  
Tinesha Cherry Speaks LLC  
2018 Warrior

Dr. Shawne Duperon  
Shawne TV  
2018 Rainmaker

Lynn Garrison  
BCBS of MI and Blue Care Network of MI  
2018 Diversity Champion

Chenita Gary  
Optimal Virtual Staffing Solutions  
2018 Giving Spirit

Molly MacDonald  
The Pink Fund  
2018 Philanthropic

Candice Simons  
Brooklyn Outdoors  
2018 Words of Wisdom

Karen Smoots  
KMS Designs Inc.  
2018 Innovation

Tonia Williams  
Universal Special Events, Inc.  
2018 Up and Coming

Edna Zaid  
Regency Court Reporting  
2018 Pinnacle

Fay Beydoun  
America Arab Chamber of Commerce  
2018 Greater Good

## 2017 Honorees

Rita Brown  
Project: Accelerate!  
2017 Diversity Champion

Nicole Blackmon  
Strategic Image Consulting  
2017 Giving Spirit

Jennifer Randall  
Maestro LLC  
2017 Innovation

Marseille Allen  
The Warriors Trust Fund  
2017 Philanthropic

Judith Kucway  
Motor City Stamping , Inc.  
2017 Pinnacle

Patricia Shall  
Creative Benefits & Insurance  
2017 Rainmaker

Ann Mervenne  
Mervenne & Company  
2017 Red Tape

Gwen Jimmere  
Naturalicious  
2017 Up & Coming

Anistia Phiaria Thomas  
Phiaria Insurance Group  
2017 Warrior

Dr. Vanessa E.P. Ghant  
Person 2 Person Associates  
2017 Words of Wisdom

Carey Pachia  
Fast Switch, Ltd  
2017 Greater Good

## **2016 Honorees**

Katana Abbott  
Smart Women's Coaching  
2016 Breakthrough

Sylvia Daniels  
Henry Ford Health Systems  
2016 Diversity Champion

Cynthia Greening  
Hands of Hope for Tanzania  
2016 Giving Spirit

Alison Vaughn  
Jackets for Jobs, Inc.  
2016 Global Business

Jennifer O'Brien  
Accounting Business Solutions  
2016 Pinnacle

Lisa Lunsford  
Global Strategic Supply Solutions (G53  
Global)  
2016 Rainmaker

Akosua Barthwell Evans  
The Barthwell Group  
2016 Red-Tape Buster

Pamela Smith  
PTS Compliance Consulting LLC  
2016 Up and Coming

Cheryl Hudson  
Woodhouse Day Spa Detroit  
2016 Warrior

Jocelyn Giangrande  
SASHE, LLC  
2016 Words of Wisdom

Mary Kramer  
Greater Good Award  
2016 Greater Good Award

## **2015 Honorees**

Samantha White  
Shakespeare in Detroit  
2015 Breakthrough

Siham Jaafar  
3D Consulting and Communications  
/Images and Perceptions Diversity  
Conference  
2015 Diversity Champion

Renee Prewitt  
The Prewitt Group  
2015 Giving Spirit

Kay Douglas  
Douglas Marketing Group  
2015 Global Business

Barb Hendrickson  
Visible Communication LLC  
2015 Pinnacle

Belinda Jefferson  
Hercules & Hercules, Inc  
2015 Rainmaker

Sheila Konanur  
Naadee, LLC  
2015 Red Tape Buster

Robin Cole  
Professional Medical Centers  
2015 Up and Coming

Cassandra Sims  
Universal Solutions Management, Inc  
2015 Warrior

Melanie Duquesnel  
Better Business Bureau (SE Michigan)  
2015 Words of Wisdom

Rhonda Walker  
Rhonda Walker Foundation  
2015 Greater Good Award

## **2014 Honorees**

Barbara Whittaker  
BW Limited LLC  
2014 Breakthrough

Suzanne Bobbitt  
Chrysler Group LLC  
2014 Diversity

Eva Scurlock  
Emma's Angels  
2014 Giving Spirit

Mary Buchzeiger  
Sure Solutions  
2014 Global Business

Ann Reinman  
Pinnacle Printing & Promotions  
2014 Pinnacle

Jami Moore  
JEM Tech Group  
2014 Rainmaker

Pamela Smith  
CEED  
2014 Red Tape Buster

Mashell Carissimi  
JMC Electrical Contractor LLC  
2014 Up and Coming

Mary Ann Lieveois  
ISCG  
2014 Warrior

Carla Walker-Miller  
Walker-Miller Energy Services LLC  
2014 Words of Wisdom

Shirley R. Stancato  
New Detroit  
2014 Greater Good Award

## **2013 Honorees**

Brenda Arbelaez  
PALS International  
2013 Warrior

Tina Harmon  
The Harmon Group/Mercury P & F  
2013 Words of Wisdom

Wanda Harper  
Michigan Minority Supplier Development  
Council  
2013 Red Tape Buster

Shell Jones  
Play-Place for Autistic Children  
2013 Giving Spirit

Pollyett Lenear  
General Motors Company, LLC  
2013 Diversity Champion

Sheila Rossman  
Paramount Precious Products  
2013 Rainmaker

Andra Rush  
Rush Group  
2013 Global Business

Diane Young  
The Athena Financial Group  
2013 Breakthrough

Daphne Zargar  
Chive Talkin  
2013 Up and Coming

Dorothy Zehnder  
Bavarian Inn  
2013 Pinnacle

Lisa Howze  
Speaking Life Principles, Inc.  
2013 Greater Good

## **2012 Honorees**

Minoti Rajput  
Secure Planning Strategies  
2012 Pinnacle

Janny Lu, Ebinger  
Manufacturing & Jets Glove Manufacturing  
Company  
2012 Global Business

Tanya Allen  
Forever Fresh  
2012 Warrior

Traci Adamczyk  
Peace of Mind Home Care  
2012 Rainmaker

Helen Ford  
The Auto Club Group  
2012 Diversity

Dr. Marisa Ming  
Coalition of Asian American Business  
Organization  
2012 Giving Spirit

Amal Berry-Brown  
Comerica  
2012 Red Tape

Barb Duran  
Send Out Cards  
2012 Words of Wisdom

Sheri Fricke  
Real Estate One  
2012 Breakthrough

Sonali Vijayavargiya  
Augment Ventures  
2012 Up and Coming

The Honorable Lucille Watts  
Bethune Legal Clinic  
2012 Greater Good Award

## **2011 Honorees**

Kathy Boyle  
2011 Words of Wisdom

Tammi Hart  
State of Michigan  
2011 Red Tape Buster

Molly MacDonald  
The Pink Fund  
2011 Giving Spirit

Pamela Rodgers  
Rodgers Chevrolet  
2011 Warrior

Rona Lum  
Law Offices of Rona Lu, P.C.  
2011 Global Business

Sheila Jensen  
Visotek, Inc.  
2011 Breakthrough

Jennifer Willemsen  
Curl Up and Dye Detroit  
2011 Up and Coming

Lori Ann Blaker  
TTi Global  
2011 Rainmaker

Andra Rush  
Rush Trucking  
2011 Pinnacle

Rolanda Heard  
Chrysler Corporation  
2011 Diversity

Tee Thompson  
Tee Time Events/The Tee Thompson  
Agency  
2011 Greater Good Award

## 2010 Honorees

Michelle D'Souza  
United Business Technologies  
**2010** Breakthrough Award

Donna Strickland  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan  
2010 Diversity Champion

Joan Sheridan  
Heritage Spinning and Weaving  
Co-founder, Knit Michigan  
2010 Giving Spirit Award

Bridget Dean  
"...have you any Wool?"  
Co-founder, Knit Michigan  
**2010** Giving Spirit Award

Sabrina Jackson  
Sabrina Jackson Entrprises  
2010 Global Business Award

Marge Sorge  
Detroit Regional News Hub  
2010 Greater Good Award

Lisa Toenniges  
Innovative learning group  
**2010** Rainmaker Award

Lori M. Ballard  
Small Business Facilitator  
Wayne County Airport Authority  
2010 Red Tape Buster Award

Nancy Hazely  
Tax Trilogy LLC  
2010 Up and Coming Award

Janice Will  
Main Office Mailers Inc.  
**2010** Warrior Award

Deborah Johnson  
Care Forward  
2010 Words of Wisdom Award

## 2009 Honorees

Terrie W. Henderson  
TWW & Associates  
**2009** Breakthrough Award

Renee Ahee  
Ahee Communications  
2009 Diversity Champion

Amy Courter  
Civil Air Patrol Inc./ Advanced Materials  
International  
2009 Giving Spirit Award

Pat McCants  
You Can International  
2009 Global Business Award

Patricia A. Cole  
Cole Financial Services Inc.  
2009 Pinnacle Award

Ashley Qualls  
Whatever Life  
2009 Rainmaker Award

Rosanne Oliver  
Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee  
2009 Red Tape Buster Award

Thank "Tawny" Thieu  
Liquid Salon LLC and Shoe Envy LLC  
2009 Up and Coming Award

Barbara Hendrickson  
Design Incentives Inc.  
2009 Warrior Award

Denise Roberts  
Sales Partners  
2009 Words of Wisdom Award

## **2008 Honorees**

Denise Miller  
Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn  
**2008 Breakthrough Award**

Maria Elana Rodriguez  
Mexicantown community Development  
Corp  
**2008 Diversity Champion**

Shawne Duperon  
ShawneTV  
**2008 Giving Spirit Award**

Nipa Shah  
Jenesys Group  
**2008 Global Business Award**

Elizabeth Schmidt  
Atlas Tool  
**2008 Pinnacle Award**

Donna Zobel  
Myron Zucker  
**2008 Rainmaker Award**

Ester Burns  
Grand Valley State University  
**2008 Red Tape Buster Award**

Linda Girard  
Pure Visibility  
**2008 Up and Coming Award**

Jean Huskey  
Art Huskey & Sons  
**2008 Warrior Award**

Jackie Gant  
Native American Business Alliance  
**2008 Words of Wisdom Award**

## **2007 Honorees**

Anne Doyle  
Anne Doyle Strategies  
**2007 Breakthrough Award**

Ronia Kruse  
OpTech LLC  
**2007 Diversity Champion**

Gail Perry-Mason  
Money Matters for Youth  
Oppenheimer & Company Inc.  
**2007 Giving Spirit Award**

Joanne Ulnick  
Ducker Worldwide  
**2007 Global Business Award**

Debbie Dingell  
General Motors Foundation  
**2007 Greater Good Award**

Marion Iltich  
Iltich Holdings  
**2007 Pinnacle Award**

Lizabeth Ardisana  
ASG Renaissance  
**2007 Rainmaker Award**

Lynda DePlaunty Earhart  
Oakland County Planning & Economic  
Development  
**2007 Red Tape Buster Award**

Elizabeth Blondy  
Canine to Five  
**2007 Up and Coming Award**

Lisa Stern  
Big Communications Inc.  
**2007 Warrior Award**

Karen Smith Kienbaum  
Karen Smith Kienbaum & Associates  
**2007 Words of Wisdom Award**

## **2006 Honorees**

Cheryl Bush  
Bush Seyferth Kethledge & Paige PLLC  
2006 Breakthrough Award

V. Diane Freeman  
General Motors Corporation  
2006 Diversity Champion

Vanessa Ghant  
Person-2-Person Associates  
2006 Giving Spirit Award

Corliss Barnes-Darnell  
MSCEE Skin Care Inc.  
2006 Global Diversity Award

Susan Sherer  
Sherer Inc. Stragic Project Management  
2006 Greater Good Award

Florine Mark  
Weight Watchers Group  
2006 Pinnacle Award

Sarah Bates  
New Technology Steel LLC  
2006 Rainmaker Award

Cathy Gase  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
2006 Red Tape Buster Award

Karen Kendrick-Hands  
City Knits  
2006 Up and Coming Award

Lesley Delgado  
d.diversified Staffing Systems  
2006 Warrior Award

JoAnn Gibson  
Non-Stop Customer Service  
2006 Words of Wisdom Award

## **2005 Honorees**

Katherine Banicki  
Testing Engineers & Consultants Inc

Dr. Haifa Fakhouri  
Arab American & Chaldean Council

Joan Hoover  
Heritage Spinning & Weaving

Vickie Lewis  
VMX International

Cathy McClelland  
Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute

Julie Brown  
Plastech

Michelle Richards  
Michigan Women's Business Council

Andra Rush  
Rush Trucking & Dakota Integrated  
Systems

Jennifer Shroeger  
UPS Metro Detroit

Adrienne Lenhoff Wise  
Shazaaam! LLC

**2004 Honorees**

Carolyn Boccia  
Krystal Marketing Inc.

Sandra Brown, M.D.  
Hair and Skin Rejuvenation

Jaclyn Campbell-Salazat  
The Staffing Connection

Shirley Gofrank  
Gofrank & Mattina PC

Sandra C.. Harville  
Detroit Brew Factory

Charlotte Knight  
Knight Agency

Alyssa Martina  
Metro Parent Publishing Group

Brenda Arbelaez-Nock  
Pals International

Nikki Olyai  
Innovision Technologies Inc.

Gwendolyn Winston  
G. Bailey Winston Enterprise Ltd

**2003 Honorees**

Angela Boone  
Boone Management & Consulting Inc.

Sharon Cannarsa  
Systrand Manufacturing Corp

Laurel Fyfe  
Fox Fire Inc.

Marlene Garland-Hill  
Marlene L. garland Hill Agency Inc.

Sarah Avala Jones  
Michigan Office Design Inc.

Ann Marie McCloe  
GM Freight

Kim Price  
Progressive Printing

Felicia Palazzolo Shaw  
Felicia Salon

Angela Rosser  
Angela Rosser State Farm Agency

Gina Torielli  
Chair Taxation Section State Bar of  
Michigan  
Professor, Thomas Cooley Law School



## 2002 Honorees

Lila Cherri

Primis Healthcare Systems

Sherry G. Day

Executive Resources/Human Potential  
Consultants

Phyllis J. Dockeray

Nationwide Machinery Sales Inc.

Leslie Murphy, CPA

Plante & Moran LLP

Patricia Nemeth

Nemeth Burwell PC

Janet Roncelli

Beremar Associates Inc.

Ursula Scroggs

Derderian, Kann, Seyferth & Salucci PC

Margaret Patterson Townsend

Michigan Sleep Specialists Diagnostics and  
Research Center

Dr. Deirdre Holloway Waterman

Holloway Eye Care PC

Margo Williams

Margo E. Williams & Associates

## 2001 Honorees

Kelly Barker

Metro Sweep Environmental

Carol Greenslade

G-2 Communications Inc.

Linda Jolicouer

Target Equipment Leasing Inc.

Mickey Katz-Pek

Founder/Partner Emerita

Biotechnology Business consultants

Ann Kuffler

President/Artistic Director

Ariana Gallery

Janny Lu

Ebeiger Manufacturing and Jets Glove

Barbara McGee

Harley ellis Devereaux

Shay Pendray

Host, PBS Needle Arts Studio

Leslie Wing

Edna Zaid

Regency Court Reporting

## **2000 Honorees**

Jana Brownell  
The Kirlin Company

Kathryn Chambers  
Electro-Optics Manufacturing

Katherine Farrell  
Katherine's Catering and Special Events

Barbara A. Frazier  
Office Furniture Services Inc.

Cynthia Pasky  
Strategic Staffing Solutions

## **1999 Honorees**

Lorri Fairchild  
Commercial Freight Services Inc.

Lucy Benham  
Goldberg & Benham PLC

Pamela Boyd  
Natural Awakenings/Pamcor Publishing

Ruth Holmes  
Pentec Handwriting Consultants

Judy Walker  
River Pointe Realty Walker & Associates

Harrell Scarcello  
Scarcello Associates Inc.