



Call For ATHENA Nominations

Dear Community Member:

Once again, it is time to recognize outstanding people in our community through the prestigious **ATHENA** Award. **ATHENA** is a national award presented by local Chambers of Commerce to an individual who:

- Demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their profession
- Devotes time and energy to community service
- Mentors women and assists them in reaching their leadership potential


The Business Women's Network of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce will present this award on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at Red Run Golf Club.

This is a community wide event! Eligible nominees are women and men in the business and professional community in Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Southfield, Troy and Royal Oak.

Undoubtedly, you know someone who deserves to be nominated for this award. Don't let this opportunity go by! **Please refer to the nomination instructions on the back of this letter and the accompanying nomination form to identify an outstanding individual and return the form to the Chamber by Friday, July 15, 2009.**

For more information, please call Dolores Zakrzewski at 248-581-0285 or Kimberley Cauley, 586-825-0836. Additional nomination forms are available through the Chamber office.

The Chamber's previous ATHENA programs saw an outstanding group of nominees. Let's continue the tradition!



Kimberley Cauley, President
Business Women's Network, Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce

ATHENA Award Nomination Instructions

The ATHENA Award actively supports and celebrates the ATHENA mission of supporting, developing and honoring women leaders, inspiring women to achieve their full potential—creating balance in leadership worldwide. The ATHENA Award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and forge paths of leadership for other women to follow.

THE CRITERIA

ATHENA Recipients must meet each of the following three criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession
- Provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community
- Assist women in reaching their full leadership potential

COMPLETING THE FORM

- Nominations for the ATHENA Award must be submitted using this nomination form
- To access the electronic version of this form, please visit www.athenainternational.org
- You may include two additional pages of supporting documents (i.e. resume, cv, etc.)
- The information submitted should support the award criteria of achievement, leadership and service.

THE PROCESS

A Selection Committee consisting of a diverse group of leaders from your community will review all nomination forms and select the ATHENA Award Recipient.

The ATHENA Award Recipient will be announced:

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Event: Business Women's Network Athena Award Dinner

Location: Red Run Golf Club

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Dolores Zakrzewski
BenePro, Inc
1423 E. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Telephone: (248) 581-0285

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: July 15, 2009

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Date _____

NOMINEE

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Company/Organization Name _____

Title/Position _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Work Telephone _____ Business E-Mail _____

NOMINATOR

Name _____

Company/Organization Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Work Telephone _____ Cell Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

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1. Professional Leadership

Provide specific Examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession

2. Community Service

List local, state, national and international level participation. Include length of service and offices held in civic and service organizations such as charitable activities, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, merchants associations, etc.

3. Personal Leadership

Provide specific examples of how the nominee has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential, and/or demonstrated support for their professional advancement.

4. Additional Information Pertaining To Criteria

Include any additional information you feel is important for consideration of your nominee. List awards honors received, publications or articles supporting services to their profession, industry or community