

A Tribute to Women

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Chritine Weeks and Mary Knotts
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Blessing
Kristen Grandinetti

Dinner



A Tribute to Women
Joanna Pasceri
Anchor, 7 News at 6 and 11, WKBW-TV

Recognition of 2011 Niagara Award Nominees

Presentation of 2011 Niagara Awards

Education Award
Presented by
The Munk-Human Memorial Scholarship Trust

Entrepreneur Award
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Front Line Award
Presented by
Accurate Computer Service, Inc.

Health & Human Services Award
Presented by
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Management Award
Presented by
First Niagara

Public Service
Presented by
Calspan Corporation

Youth
Presented by
Key Bank

Lifetime Achievement Award
Presented by
The Paul and Jan Deplato Family
presented to
Eunice Hernberger

Closing Remarks
Kathleen A. Granchelli
CEO, YWCA of Niagara

YWCA Niagara Awards History

The Niagara Awards began in 1997 by the YWCA of Niagara Board of Directors as a biennial event to recognize the achievements of Niagara County women. In 2004, the event was recreated as an annual fundraising dinner recognizing women from all parts of the county and adding seven individual award categories. In 2006, the Lifetime Achievement Award category was introduced.

Proceeds from the Niagara Award event help sustain Carolyn's House, a 19 apartment residence for women and children who are rebuilding their lives, and other YWCA of Niagara programs that enrich the lives of women and their families.

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Christine Argona
Eastern Niagara United Way - Retired

Kristine Augustyniak, Ph.D.
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Niagara Falls City School District

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Michele DeLuca
Greater Niagara Newspapers

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David Dunn Salvage, Inc.

Patricia Evans
Niagara Hospice

Betsy Farkas
Kidspeace

Dawn Gilliam
Calamar Enterprises

Ivy Anne Grissom
Ivy's Vine Fine Salon

Sharon Hewner, Ph.D., RN
University at Buffalo

Jennifer Hull-Braun
Niagara County
Department of Social Services

Honorable Renae Kimble
Niagara County Legislature

Robyn Krueger
Community Missions of
Niagara Frontier, Inc.

Tasha LeFevre
First Niagara

Joanne Lorenzo
The Magdalene Project

Molly Maigret, RN
Eastern Niagara Hospital

Honor C. Martin, RN, MS
Mount St. Mary's Hospital
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Buffalo State College

Nancy Schmidt
First Niagara

Ellen Schratz
Historic Palace Theatre

Jill Shuey
Niagara University

Holly Sloma
Niagara County
District Attorney's Office

Honorable Diane Vitello
Niagara Falls City Court

Kari Walck
City of Niagara Falls, New York

Patricia White
Rivershore, Inc. - Retired

Desiree Wiley
Student – Buffalo State College

Patricia Wrobel
Niagara University

Myrna Young
Everywoman
Opportunity Center, Inc.



Eunice Hernberger
2011 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient



Christine Argona

Location: Lewiston, NY

Employer: Retired, Eastern Niagara United Way, Director, Niagara Voluntary Action Center and Niagara University Secretary for Campus Ministry

Awards/Honors: Heart of HANCI Award, The Presidents Volunteer Award, Community Awareness Award in support of Rivershore, Friend of Education Award from Lewiston Porter Teachers, Anthony Bax Memorial Good Neighbor Award, Volunteer Service Award

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: RSVP Advisory Council/HANCI, Compeer Niagara Advisory Board Member/Mental Health Association, Rivershore, Inc. Board Member, Nothing Short of a Miracle fundraiser for ECMC, Artpark Volunteer, Eucharistic Minister St Peter's Parish, Buffalo State College International Center volunteer, Locks of Love Volunteer, HANCI Senior Prom Chair, Our Lady of Peace Nursing Home Volunteer.

Advice to young women: Find something you feel great passion for and then think about how you can use that passion to make the world a better place. Serve others with joy, compassion and appreciation. However you choose to serve, work for peace, dignity and lasting relationships. Service is a way of life and something that can transform you both personally and professionally. That's how I have tried to live my life and that's what I have instilled in my three daughters.



Kristine Augustyniak, Ph.D.

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Professor Niagara University, Chairperson, Professional Studies Department, College of Education, Licensed Psychologist

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: State of New York Commission on Quality Care for the Mentally Disabled, Member of Surrogate Decision Making Panel

Advice to young women: Seeing oneself as a leader, like other dimensions of true self esteem, is developed not from beliefs alone but, layer by layer, from experiences. Successful leaders are continuous learners who seek challenge and innovation and inspire others to do the same.



Melissa Carson

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: Administrative Assistant Orleans Niagara BOCES, Retired, Verizon

Awards/Honors: Verizon Excellence Award, Verizon 15-year Dedicated Service Award, United States Air Force Appreciation Award, NYNEX Commendations, Kiwanis International Art Award

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Association of Bell Telephone member.

Advice to young women: Give your mind and your heart because what you get back is so much more in life, love and opportunity.



Tanyetta Carter

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Pupil Services Assistant and former School Social Worker for Niagara Falls City School District.

Awards/Honors: The Good Neighbor Award and the Niagara Falls City School District Tenure 2011

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: HANCI and Niagara University Advisory in Education.

Advice to young women: Leadership is making the impossible possible; leadership is sharing your strengths and making others better through your actions.



Mary Cipolla

Location: Wilson, NY

Employer: Housewife and Volunteer

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Co-hosted the annual St. Joseph's Day Table in Wilson, former member Wilson Boosters Club, volunteer at Our Lady of the Rosary Church and member of the Altar and Rosary Society.



Michele DeLuca

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Features Editor and Columnist, Niagara Gazette

Awards/Honors: Five Associated Press Awards for column writing and multimedia presentations.

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara Hospice/creating legacy videos for hospice patients, Diva by Diva.

Advice to young women: If you cannot find passion in your work, find other work.



Brenda Dunn

Location: Middleport, NY

Employer: President of Dunn Salvage, Inc.

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara USA Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, NFIB, ARANY, Business Donor to: Gasport Lions Club, Erie Canal Fishing Derby, Niagara Hospice, Ducks Unlimited, Roy-Hart Youth Baseball, Lyndonville Fire Department

Advice to young women: Don't let anybody tell you that you can't—you can do anything that you want. Don't lose yourself in power and money. Remember who your true friends are. Always believe in yourself and never stop loving yourself and what you do.



Patricia Evans

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: Professor Emeritus, Niagara County Community College, Professor and Coordinator of Human Services AA Degree Program (retired)

Awards/Honors: NCCC President's Award for Excellence in Advisement, President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Alumni of the Year Award, Who's Who for Teaching listing, International Women's decade Coalition Award, Patricia L. Evans Founder's Award (Niagara Hospice), Time Warner Cable's 2008 WNY Hero Award, Speaker's Bureau Award

Community organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara Hospice Board of Directors (past President), Niagara Hospice Volunteer, Presbyterian Senior Care of WNY Board of Directors.

Advice to young women: Dare to dream big. Don't put roadblocks in your own way. View life as an ongoing process of learning, growing and becoming. You can achieve and you can inspire others to follow your lead.



Dawn Gilliam

Location: Wheatfield, NY

Employer: Chief Operating Officer, Calamar

Awards/Honors: Leadership Buffalo Graduate, "40 Under 40" recipient, The Everett W. Ockerman Award from Niagara University, Who's Who Among Executive Women

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Leadership Niagara Board Member, Girl Scouts of WNY-Educational Scholarship Committee, Usher at St. John De LaSalle Church, Aquarium of Niagara volunteer, member of Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society, member of Alpha Kappa Psi National Business Fraternity, past board member of Girl Scouts of WNY, member of Niagara Women's Leadership Roundtable.

Advice to young women: Leadership is the backbone of any great organization or community. A great leader is someone who challenges the process, inspires a shared vision, enables others to act, models the way, and shares the glory. Their beliefs, values, ethics, and character reigns through their organization or community on a daily basis.



Ivy Anne Grissom

Location: Williamsville, NY

Employer: Owner, Ivy's Vine Fine Salon & Café

Awards/Honors: 2011 Buffalo Soupfest Winner

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Clarence Chamber of Commerce, 2011 Erie County Sheriff's Supporter.

Advice to young women: Never let one person represent all your pain or all your joy. You need to have enough pain for growth and have enough joy for yourself.



Sharon Hewner, Ph.D., RN

Location: Ransomville, NY

Employer: Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo School of Nursing

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara Hospice Board Member

Advice to young women: Always be open to new ways of looking at things, new ideas and unexpected opportunities to grow and challenge yourself. Think of life as an adventure and live it to the fullest.



Jennifer Hull-Brown

Location: Youngstown, NY

Employer: Niagara County Department of Social Services

Awards/Honors: Commissioners Award, Family and Children's Services, Catholic Charities Community Partner Award

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Planned Parenthood, Niagara Pioneer Soccer, Roswell Park

Advice to young women: Don't get discouraged. Keep your eye on the prize. Always consider even the smallest victory a stepping stone to your ultimate goal. Have a big plan ... and a series of small plans to get you there.



Honorable Renae Kimble

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Niagara County Legislator 2nd District

Awards/Honors: Trailblazer Award Women Making History Gala, Utopian Euphoria, Lion of Judah Award Dominion Life Christian Center, Rev. Edgar L. Huff Award St. John AME Church, Everywoman Opportunity Center's Award of Excellence, President's Award Niagara County Black Achiever's Committee, Dr. Martin Luther King 'I Have a Dream Award,' Niagara Community Center, Woman of Accomplishment PAN AM, Niagara County Conservative Party's Legislator of the Year Award

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Vice President Buffalo/Niagara Mentorship Board of Directors, Executive Committee-NAACP, NYS Commission on Increasing Diversity in State Government, Youth Motivation Board of Directors, Niagara County Community Center Board of Directors, AFL-CIO, Niagara Improvement Association, Dominion Life Christian Center, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center Alliance.

Advice to young women: The wisest leader always recognizes that Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of what a leader should be. He always put the needs of people first, walked in love even when others did not agree with Him, walked in His own authority with passion and humility and never backed down when challenged. Focus on strengths and never focus on weaknesses. When you envision successful outcomes, and see the vision, you will achieve the victory that you seek. This has been my motto in life.



Robyn L. Krueger

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: Executive Director, Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.

Awards/Honors: Anthony J. Cuccurullo Memorial Award – Juvenile Detention Association of NYS, MADD Niagara County Law Enforcement Recognition – Appreciation Award, Graduate of Leadership Niagara 2004

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Executive Boards of Juvenile Detention Association of NYS, NYS Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Niagara County Coalition of Services to the Homeless, Niagara County Homeless Coordinator, Niagara County Continuum of Care Coordinator, Runaway & Homeless Youth Advisory Board of the Office of Child & Family Services, Niagara County Behavioral Health Care Network, Niagara County Mental Health Service Providers, Niagara County Juvenile Justice Taskforce, Vestry member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson.

Advice to young women: Leadership is not defined by career path or job title. Leadership is the visible and demonstrated way that a woman carries herself: how she speaks, acts, shows her willingness to serve; her character, integrity and, most importantly, the desired outcome for the good of all and not for herself alone. Leadership is possible at every age and stage of a woman's life.



Tasha LeFevre

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Assistant Branch Manager, First Niagara

Awards/Honors: Reward and Recognition Champion- First Niagara , 2010 Above and Beyond Leadership Award – First Niagara, 2009 Belief Backer Team Player Award – First Niagara

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Leadership Niagara Class of 2011, Everywoman Opportunity Center, Buffalo Niagara 360, Red Cross of Western New York – Mash Bash, Momentum Committee, WNY Retail Advisory Board, Reward and Recognition Committee

Advice to young women: Your limitations are only within yourself. Today I feel that many young women face a very difficult challenge in being viewed as a leader. Whether it is due to their age, life experiences or education, young women always have to work harder to gain the respect they rightfully deserve. Always work harder than the rest, be humble about your achievements, be patient and success will come. If you have the motivation to succeed, anything that you put your mind to, you will have the ability to achieve. In addition, I would advise young women that in order to be a great leader you need to have the ability to act independently. I would also coach young women to use their skills and resources to help other women reach their fullest potential.



Joanne Lorenzo

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: The Magdalene Project

Awards/Honors: The Zonta Award, Rotary Club Award, Pioneer Medical Award, Good Neighbor Award, The Heart and Soul Award, The LaSalle Educational Club Award

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: The Human Rights Commission, Americorps.

Advice to young women: Always tell the truth and trust in God.



Maureen "Molly" Maigret, RN

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: SANE Coordinator, Eastern Niagara Hospital

Awards/Honors: 2005 – In collaboration, creating the first Niagara County Sexual Assault Intervention Protocol given by NYS Department of Health Rape Crisis Agency

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: YWCA Rape Crisis Advisory Board, Niagara County SART Team, YMCA membership committee.

Advice to young women: Strive to achieve proficiency in your area of expertise and share that knowledge with others.



Honor Martin, RN, MS

Location: Lockport

Employer: Director of Education and Organizational Development, Mount St. Mary's Hospital & Health Center

Awards/Honors: National Registry, Who's Who of Professionals and Executives, Empire Who's Who Among Executive & Professional Women in Nursing Healthcare, St. Mary's Hospital Foundation for HERO Program : Pathways to Careers, Fellow- American Institute for Healthcare Quality

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara University Nursing Advisory Board, Orleans/Niagara BOCES LPN Advisory Board, Mental Health Association in Niagara County, Inc., New York State Medical Group Management Association, MOMS Nets Collaborative Task Force, HERO Task Force, Pathways to Careers Occupational Health Program.

Advice to young women: Women who are effective leaders must have the ability to communicate ideas in a collaborative context. They must also be creative problem solvers, always looking for opportunities to expand their horizons with an entrepreneurial outlook.



Veronica Mason, NP

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Nurse Practitioner and Owner of Mason Family Medicine

Awards/Honors: Uncrowned Queens, Daemen College Nursing Award, 2011 Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: ANCC Content Expert Panel

Advice to young women: I truly believe that we all have leadership qualities, some women just need direction and support for their leadership skills to flourish. You can achieve whatever vision or goal you have made for yourself. If I can achieve what I consider to be the impossible as a single mother with two small children, anyone can do it.



Anne McCaffrey

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: Currently volunteer and candidate for Lockport City Council, former Grants Consultant and Director of Development at Lake Shore Behavioral Health

Awards/Honors: Recognition from Lake Shore Behavioral Health Board and President for dedication, persistence and professionalism in planning and pursuing funding for the Safe Haven Homeless Residence

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Volunteer: Historic Palace Theatre, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, DeSales Catholic School, Opportunities Unlimited, and former Lockport School District Trustee.

Advice to young women: As women we tend to let our fears get in the way of our aspirations and our desires. My advice for young women is to be bold and fearless. While society expects us to be wives, mothers, friends and daughters, it also needs us to be leaders and trailblazers in our schools, churches, government and corporations. I encourage every young woman to seek out opportunities to make a difference. Don't wait for opportunities to come to you. We need to go out of our way, to push the fear aside and push ourselves to reach higher. We need to make it happen.



Theresa Moley

Location: Wilson, NY

Employer: Retired School Bus Driver for Ransomville Bus Lines and Grand Island Bus Lines

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Volunteer, Our Lady of the Rosary Church Altar and Rosary Society

Advice to young women: Stand Up straight and achieve your goal. A lady in a leadership role is always poised but never a pushover.



Brande Newsome

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: U.S. Air Force

Awards/Honors: Department of Air Force Reserves: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, 2009; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, 2009; National Defense Service Medal, 2009; Achievement Medal 2003. Recognized as one of Rochester's Emerging Leaders and Rochester Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award Winner

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Erie County Mental Health Association, Society for Human Resource Management, Human Resource Development Council – Heritage Committee, Rochester Step Off Educational Foundation, AALDP, Rochester Workforce Diversity Network, NMBAA Inc., Camp Stella Maris.

Advice to young women: Find your inner leadership talent and develop it for the benefit of our homes and our communities.



Dolores Pereira

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Student—Syracuse University, Cashier at Footlocker

Awards/Honors: Martin Luther King Jr. Citizenship Award, Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year of WNY Region (2nd), Trinity Baptist Church Certificate, National Society of High School Scholars, Youth of the Year, NYS Assembly Citation, Niagara Falls School District Recognition

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Project Wise, Beautify Niagara, Boys and Girls Club, Planned Parenthood of WNY STARS program peer leader.

Advice to young women: Don't be afraid to put yourself out there and get to know your community. So many positive things can happen if you just get involved. Don't focus so much on the bad and it will be so much easier to see the beauty in your community.



Kristen Richards

Location: Lewiston, NY

Employer: Owner White Glove Commercial Cleaning/After the Fire Remediation

Awards/Honors: Special Recognition EMT Award from Mount St. Mary's Hospital

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Volunteer EMT and Interior Firefighter for Lewiston No. 1 Fire Company

Advice to young women: I would tell young women of today to always follow their passion and dreams. If you are passionate about something, no matter what it is, you will be successful at it. Life is measured by how effectively one is able to turn challenges in successes, and the extent that you share your talent and time to help those in need.



Deborah Sarratori

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: Buffalo State College Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Member, Campus Emergency Response Team; Member, SUNY Health Services Committee

Advice to young women: Love and respect yourself. Remember the importance of higher learning and strive to obtain a college education. Accept everyone as your equal and go the extra mile to help someone in need.



Nancy Schmidt

Location: Buffalo, NY

Employer: Vice President and Branch Manager of First Niagara's North Tonawanda Branch

Awards/Honors: Boys and Girls Club of the Northtowns Hall of Fame Inductee, 2009-2010 Area Sales Manager of the Year, Town Boys and Girls Club Volunteer of the Year

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Boys and Girls Club of the Northtowns Board of Managers, 1st Vice President Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas, President of the Harris Hill Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Member of First Niagara Employee Volunteer Committee, and member of All Saints Church.

Advice to young women: Make a plan, set goals, and work hard. Always do the right thing even if it's harder. Treat everyone with respect.



Ellen Schratz

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: Property Manager of Memorable Getaways

Awards/Honors: Bishop’s Medal of Honor for DeSales “Move of Faith,” Rotary Club-Paul Harris Award, Civic Empowerment Award, Lockport Business Association Small Business Award, YMCA “Thank You” Award, and Palace Theatre “Shining Star Award”

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: President-Board of Directors Palace Theatre, Past President-DeSales Catholic Home School Association, Member-DeSales Catholic Education Council

Advice to young women: I feel that to be a successful leader you must above all be passionate about your endeavor. Your enthusiastic commitment to reach your goal will inspire those around you to give their best efforts as well.



Jill Shuey

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Executive Director of Niagara University’s ReNU Niagara

Awards/Honors: Niagara University Vincentian Mission Certificate Program completion, 2011 Citizen Partner of the Year from Niagara Falls Block Club Council

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara Falls Main Street Business and Professional Association-Board Member, Niagara Beautification Commission-Board Member, Member of Niagara University’s Sustainability Steering Committee, Member of Niagara Falls Weed and Seed Program

Advice to young women: In the words of Jane Harrison, “to be meek, patient, tactful, modest, honorable, brave is not to be either manly or womanly; it is to be humane.”



Holly Sloma

Location: Lewiston, NY

Employer: Assistant District Attorney, Niagara County District Attorney’s Office

Advice to young women: As a leader, always give credit where credit is due by recognizing individual accomplishments. Don’t be afraid to make tough decisions, just be prepared to defend them. Take responsibility for your mistakes, own up to them and learn from them. Trust your instincts. If something doesn’t seem right, it probably isn’t.



Honorable Diane Vitello

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Niagara Falls City Court Judge, Niagara Falls

Awards/Honors: Business and Professional Women of Niagara, 1994

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, Niagara Waterfront Revitalization Task Force, Niagara Heritage Partnership, Juvenile Justice Board, Niagara Falls Park Advisory Panel, Planned Parenthood of Western New York, Niagara Community Action Program, Niagara Cerebral Palsy, Business and Professional Women of Niagara.

Advice to young women: It is always important to challenge yourself and trust your instincts. Never allow anyone to convince you that you are incapable of achieving your goals.



Kari Walck

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Employer: Parking Court Clerk, City of Niagara Falls

Awards/Honors: American Business Association Woman of the Year 2011, American Business Association Top 5 Business Women of the Year 2009 and 2010.

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: American Business Women's Association, Summit Reach Outreach Volunteer

Advice to young women: Fight for what you want and for what you believe in. The only person who can stop you is yourself.



Patricia White

Location: Lewiston, NY

Employer: Retired Financial Director, Rivershore Inc.

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Treasurer for the Lewiston Service Guild, Planning Board for Lewiston Relay for Life, Member of Lewiston Choraleers

Advice to young women: Avoid dwelling on what would be good for you. Instead, consider what will benefit those around you.



Desiree Wiley

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: Student, Buffalo State College, UNYTS Advocate

Awards/Honors: Deans List Buffalo State College, Miss Buffalo 2011, Miss NY State- 3rd Runner Up, 2009 Niagara County Junior Miss, 2010 World's Universal Girl, Marge Hamilton Scholarship Recipient, City of Lockport Proclamation Recipient, NYS Advanced Regents Diploma

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Upstate New York Transplant Services, American Red Cross, Autistic Services, Meals on Wheels, Beechwood Nursing Home volunteer, Children's Miracle Network, Project Hospitality, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club

Advice to young women: It's not always about knowing how to lead others; it's about leading your own journey, while setting an example for those around you. To be the best at all you do and guide others is to hold passion and embrace challenge. When a genuine care to inspire change is evident through your actions, then it is created. Discover your voice and speak out, no matter how loud it may be. The small triumphs in life are the ones your journey is made of. Help spread happiness, equality, and hope each day and our world will move forward in a positive way.



Patricia Wrobel

Location: Town of Niagara, NY

Employer: Assistant Dean for External Relations, Niagara University College of Education

Awards/Honors: 2011 Niagara Gazette Women of the Year, 2007 Community Award, 2007 Apple Award Niagara Falls School District

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara Falls City School District Quality Council & Professional Development Policy Steering Committee, Orleans/Niagara BOCES Teacher Center Policy Board, WNY Higher Education Leadership Network, WNY Career Tech Consortium

Advice to young women: Build your roots, follow your dreams, never forget where you came from – roots, relationships and reason. Lead by example – listen to your head, not your heart and let knowledge and respect guide your decisions. A good leader knows when to walk ahead, walk with, and walk behind their team.



Myrna Young

Location: Lewiston, NY

Employer: Executive Director/CEO, Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc.

Awards/Honors: NOW Women Helping Women Award, YWCA of WNY Outstanding Achievement Award, Women Focus Lifetime Achievement Award, Women's Bar Association President's Award, Women's Hall of Fame Inductee, NYS Woman of Distinction Award, US Department of Labor EPIC Award, W.N.Y.C.E.E.E Equity Award

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Erie and Niagara County Workforce Investment Boards, SBA Citizens Advisory Council, Board of Directors of Wider Opportunities for Women, Washington, D.C., RED Arena, Austin Texas – Board President.

Advice to young women: Educate yourself beyond your own life experiences – learn from others. Read and then read some more.

2011 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient



Eunice Hernberger

Location: Lockport, NY

Employer: Volunteer

Awards/Honors: American Cancer Society Volunteer Award, Eagles Citizen of the Year, National Council on Christians and Jews Award, National Council of Catholic Women WICS Award, Niagara County Historical Society Volunteer Award, Rotary's Paul Harris Award.

Community Organizations/Volunteer Work: Niagara County Historical Society Volunteer, Federation of Historical Societies, Town of Royalton and North German Settlement Historical Societies, Kenan Arts Council, Dale

Association, St. Mary's Church and the Lockport Theatre Organ Society.

Advice to young women: Introduce yourself to any seat partner, learn their vocation and avocation. Invite locals to your organization and activities and use the learned information in organization membership for future involvement on committees. Volunteer in any capacity. Make and keep friends by phone or correspondence and new technology.





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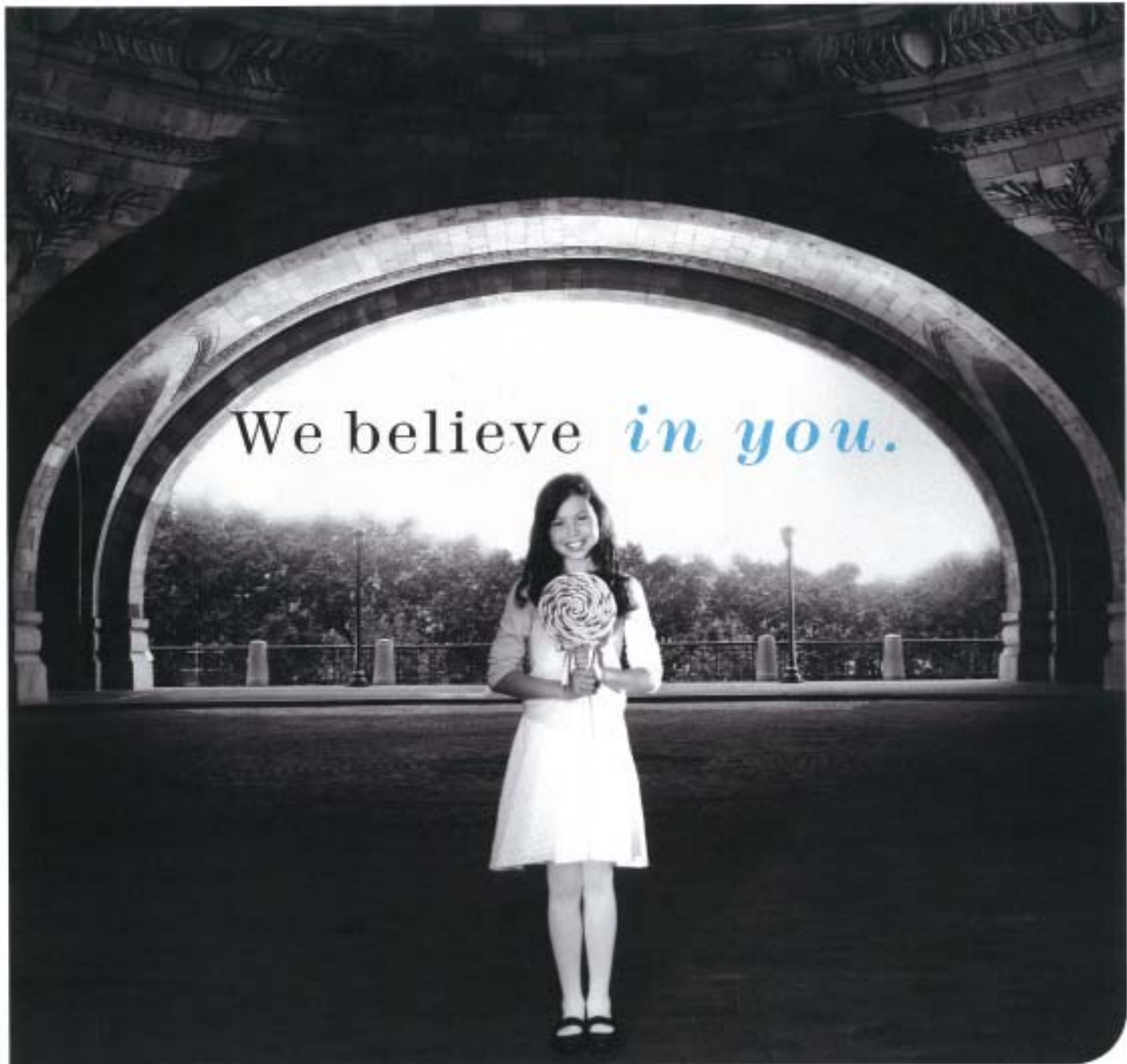
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