



Enterprising Women Announces the Class of 2009: The Top Women Entrepreneurs in North America

CARY, NC: Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women* magazine (www.enterprisingwomen.com), has announced the winners and finalists for the 2009 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, an annual tribute to North America's top women entrepreneurs. The award winners and finalists will be recognized during a three-day tribute held in their honor from March 11-13 at Disney's Yacht Club Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL. This is the seventh anniversary of the gala awards celebration. The Walt Disney World Company is the premiere sponsor of the 2009 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration.

Award recipients must demonstrate that they have fast-growth businesses, mentor or actively support other women and girls involved in entrepreneurship, and stand out as leaders in their communities. Many of these women are also leaders in key organizations that support the growth of women's entrepreneurship.

Award winners were recognized in five categories: 1) annual sales revenues of more than \$25 million; 2) more than \$10 million and up to \$25 million in annual revenues; 3) more than \$5 million and up to \$10 million in annual revenues; 4) more than \$1 million and up to \$5 million in annual revenues; and 5) up to \$1 million in annual revenues. The Enterprising Women of the Year class of 2009 includes the following women, listed alphabetically:

Over \$25 million in annual sales revenues category:

- **Carolyn T. Doerle** of Doerle Food Service, LLC, Broussard, LA
- **Elise Hernandez** of Ideal System Solutions, Inc., Maple Grove, MN
- **Deborah Jallad** of Accredited Surety & Casualty Company, Orlando, FL
- **Amy Langer** of SALO, LLC, Minneapolis, MN
- **Tanya C. Matthews** of TMG Construction Corporation, Purcellville, VA
- **Cynthia J. Pasky** of Strategic Staffing Solutions, Detroit, MI
- **Sue Pisaturo** of Small World Vacations, Washington Township, NJ
- **Sonu Ratra** of Akraya Inc., Sunnyvale, CA

Over \$10 million and up to \$25 million in annual sales revenues category:

- **Terri S. Alpert** of Uno Alla Volta LLC, North Branford, CT
- **Carol Craig** of Craig Technologies, Cape Canaveral, FL
- **Hannah Kain** of ALOM, Fremont, CA
- **Colleen Kramer** of Evergreen Supply Company, Chicago, IL
- **Julie Levi** of Progressive Promotions, Inc., Englewood, NJ
- **Linda Moraski** of PeopleSERVE, Inc., Chestnut Hill, MA

- **Anne D. Shybunko-Moore** of GSE Dynamics Inc., Hauppauge, NY
- **Terri Sullivan** of Meridian Imaging Solutions, Alexandria, VA

Over \$5 million and up to \$10 million in annual sales revenues category:

- **Nancy Freeman Balkcom** of MySupplies, Atlanta, GA
- **Jessica Browder-Stackpoole** of EventPro Strategies, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ
- **Leah Brown** of ATEN Solutions, Inc., Cary, NC
- **Annie Danielson** of Danielson Designs, Trinidad, CO
- **Angela Hedges Hendricks** of Bentley Hedges Travel Service Inc., Oklahoma City, OK
- **Lou Jurkowski** of BJAC, pa, Raleigh, NC
- **Darlene M. Miller** of Permac Industries, Burnsville, MN
- **Lynn Paige** of PerfectPower, Inc., Phoenix, AZ
- **Bridget Soyka-Smith** of Soyka Smith Design Studios, Upper Montclair, NJ
- **Paula Turner** of Lexair Electronics Sales Corporation, Greensboro, NC

Over \$1 million and up to \$5 million in annual sales revenues category:

- **Marri Aviza** of Rumors Salon and Spa, Latham, NY
- **Tina Teree Baker** of Cadence Group, Atlanta, GA
- **Jennifer Bisceglie** of InTEROS Solutions, McLean, VA
- **J. Isabel Chancellor** of IngenuitE, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK
- **Joan Killian Gallagher** of Warden-Brooks, Ltd., New Canaan, CT
- **Jena Gardner** of JG Black Book of Travel, New York, NY
- **Debbi Somers** of Somers Furniture Inc., Las Vegas, NV
- **Mary Wu** of Wu Consulting LLC, Washington, DC

Up to \$1 million in annual sales revenues category:

- **Mary Ardapple Dierker** of Apple's Bakery, Inc., Peoria, IL
- **Genma Stringer Holmes** of Holmes Pest Control, Hermitage, TN
- **Ann Kayman** of New York Grant Company, New York, NY
- **Patricia Massey** of Myca Multimedia & Training Solutions, Cincinnati, OH
- **Laura Lee Williams** of Laura Lee Designs, Inc., McLean, VA

The judges also selected finalists for the 2009 Enterprising Women of the Year Award. Both winners and finalists will receive recognition at the awards celebration.

Finalists for the 2009 Enterprising Women of the Year Award include:

- **Amberly Allen** of Direct Innovations, LLC, Bellaire, TX
- **Dale Bare** of Bare International, Inc., Fairfax, VA
- **Gloria J. Carter-Hicks** of Hicks-Carter-Hicks, LLC, St. Louis, MO
- **Tricia Dempsey** of Agile Resources, Inc., Cumming, GA
- **Helen Ficalora** of Helen Ficalora, New York, NY
- **Linda Maslow** of The Maslow Media Group, Washington, DC
- **Stella M. Miller** of Stella May Contracting, Inc., Edgewood, MD

- **Carrie Mitchell** of ASAP Office Supply, Raleigh, NC
- **Natalie Perkins** of Clean Design, Research Triangle Park, NC
- **Jill Vitiello** of Vitiello Communications Group, LLC, East Brunswick, NJ
- **Mindy T. Withrow** of CSS Distribution Group, Inc., Louisville, KY

Enterprising Women, headquartered in Cary, NC, is the nation's only women-owned magazine published exclusively for women business owners that chronicles the growing political, economic and social influence and power of entrepreneurial women. The magazine provides a friendly meeting place, a public forum, and a national stage for the critical issues confronting women's businesses and daily lives from the unique perspectives and experiences of entrepreneurial women.

For more information, or to register to attend the 2009 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration, visit www.enterprisingwomen.com or call 919-674-6640.

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