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Outstanding Women Recognized in Spokane by Prestigious YWCA Award YWCA Spokane Announces 2022 Women of Achievement Award Honorees

Spokane, WA. – YWCA Spokane is proud to announce its 2022 Women of Achievement Award Honorees. These 8 women will be honored throughout the months of February and March as well as at the Women of Achievement Awards event, held Thursday, March 24th, from 11AM-1:30PM at the Davenport Grand Hotel.

For 39 years, YWCA Spokane has celebrated successful women in the community for their achievements along with their commitment to giving back to the Spokane community. Established with the goal of increasing community awareness and appreciation for the diverse contributions of women leaders in Spokane, YWCA Spokane has honored more than 255 women in the region.

*“The luncheon provides a special opportunity to pay tribute to amazing women for their tireless contributions,” says **Yvonne Smith**, YWCA Spokane Women of Achievement Award Luncheon Co-Chair and YWCA Spokane Board Member. “and to acknowledge and reflect upon the extraordinary accomplishments of women leaders in Spokane.”*

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREES

To be awarded a YWCA Women of Achievement Award, a woman must embody YWCA Spokane’s mission of eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Selected honorees give generously of themselves to make Spokane a better place for all to live.

The winners of the 2022 Women of Achievement Awards are:

- **Dawn Wolski**, Arts & Culture Award
- **Nancy Mahoney**, Business & Industry Award
- **Hanncel Sanchez**, Carl Maxey Racial & Social Justice Award
- **Fawn Schott**, Community Enhancement Award
- **Lee Williams**, Education Award
- **Alison Gregoire**, Government and Public Service Award
- **Oladunni Olywoye**, Science, Technology & Environment Award
- **Sarah Dixit**, Young Woman of Achievement Award

To learn more about the accomplishments and community impact of the 2022 award honorees, visit ywcaspokane.org/woa2022honorees.

YWCA IS ON A MISSION. JOIN US.

YWCA Spokane asks guests to not only celebrate the accomplishments of women leaders at this year's awards luncheon, but to also consider joining them on a critical mission to address the community epidemic of domestic violence, which significantly affects our families and our economic health.

*"With over 1,000 guests joined together at this luncheon," says **Kelsey Martin**, YWCA Spokane Women of Achievement Award Luncheon Co-Chair, "YWCA sends a powerful message to survivors of domestic violence that their community is here to support them, that we care, and that help is available."*

The March 24th luncheon will feature keynote speaker Admiral Michelle Howard (Retired) who was the first woman to command a U.S. Naval Ship, achieve the rank of four-star admiral and the first woman to be appointed to the position of vice chief of naval operations (the second highest rank in the Navy). She was also the first African-American woman to reach the rank of three-star and four-star in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and the first African-American woman to command a ship in the Navy.

Corporate table, table captain, and individual ticket registration information is available at ywcaspokane.org/woa2022.

COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

As the largest and most critical fundraising event for YWCA Spokane, with sponsorship from over 50 companies and organizations each year, the Women of Achievement awards luncheon has evolved into one of the most prestigious award recognition events for women in our region.

Because of the incredible support of our major event sponsors, Providence Health Care, Numerica Credit Union, Kalispel Tribe of Indians and Northern Quest Resort & Casino, Northwest Farm Credit Services, Washington Trust Bank, Inland Imaging, Hamilton Studios, Garco, Premera, Kaiser Aluminum, and Multicare, proceeds raised at the luncheon directly benefit YWCA's programs and services for those impacted by domestic violence, homelessness, and unemployment.

To learn more about event sponsorship opportunities contact YWCA Spokane Philanthropy Coordinator, Briana Berner, at brianab@ywcaspokane.org or call 509-953-5992.

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ABOUT YWCA SPOKANE

For 119 years, YWCA Spokane has been helping women and children overcome social, economic, and personal barriers in order to accomplish their goals and achieve healthier and more fulfilling lives. Today our areas of focus are supporting victims of intimate partner domestic violence (DV), building economic empowerment, promoting early childhood education, and confronting racial and social justice issues that negatively impact our clients and our community.

YWCA Spokane envisions a community in which DV is no longer tolerated, and embraces this vision through a continuum of wrap-around services: 24-hour Helpline and Safe Shelter, Counseling Center,

Mental Health Services, Child Advocacy, Civil Legal Assistance, Legal Advocacy, Economic Empowerment Advocacy, and free Drop-In Childcare.

In 2021, YWCA Spokane impacted the lives of over 15,000 women, men, children, and families. By working at the intersections of inequality, poverty, and DV we are able to disrupt longstanding societal patterns of trauma.

To learn more visit ywcaspokane.org/our-impact.