

## YWCA honors contributions of 9 women

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The YWCA Greater Lafayette will showcase the achievements and contributions of nine local women March 2 at the annual YWCA Salute to Women Banquet in the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms.

The keynote speaker will be Stephanie White. She is a former Purdue University All-American basketball player and currently is an assistant coach with the Chicago Sky and an analyst for the Big Ten Network.

Tickets for the banquet are \$50 each. Full tables of eight can be purchased for \$400. The reservation deadline is Feb. 23. Call (765) 742-0075 or visit [www.ywca.org/lafayette/salute](http://www.ywca.org/lafayette/salute) for more information.

Award recipients were selected based on outstanding and inspirational achievement in volunteer and/or professional roles, community involvement and leadership/role modeling qualities.

The award categories and honorees are:

#### Woman of Innovation

Stephanie Knoth: Business banker and vice president at Centier Bank, which she helped establish. She has worked in the banking industry for the past 15 years. She's also involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Tippecanoe County as a board member for the past decade. She is currently board president.

#### Women of Distinction

Angie Ferguson: The Hanna Community Center program director has been instrumental in creating several programs, such as after-school programs emphasizing literacy, cooking and hygiene, a summer camp, and "Rainbow Families," a network of multi-cultural and biracial families. Also serves as Indiana Data and Communication System coordinator with the Lafayette Police Department.

Kristel Kaye: She is a community volunteer, a farmer, a master gardener, a former trucking company president and CEO, and a breast cancer survivor. Starting at age 10, she helped build semi-trailers in her family's business. She was active in the industry for more than 40 years and spent seven years at the helm of a subsidiary business, Continental Transit. She has farmed grain and livestock in Benton County since 1995.

Sharon Martin and Susan Woodson: The pair launched Helen, a bi-monthly local women's magazine, in 2006. As owners, publishers and the editorial/design team, Martin and Woodson work to showcase the talents, strengths and stories of women in Lafayette and surrounding counties. The HELEN team launched a nonprofit membership organization in 2009 to promote and raise funds for women's issues, autism awareness and domestic violence awareness.

Toni Munguia: As director of technology diversity programs with the Purdue University College of Technology, she works to recruit more females and under-represented students to the college. She has developed and planned programs such as summer camps for students as early as fifth grade in order to foster interest in technology fields. She also volunteers as a bilingual translator in the state court system, assisting individuals dealing with difficult situations.

Anita Werling: After retiring several years ago, she relocated to Delphi and quickly became a leader in the movement to revitalize the small town. Currently chair of the Delphi Preservation Society's Opera House Advisory Board, she has taken on the task of raising \$4.1 million to restore the Opera House, which was once an architectural gem. She works closely with other organizations, including the Carroll County Historical Society, the Wabash & Erie Canal Association, Delphi Main Street, and the Leadership Carroll County task force.

## Women of Wisdom

Anne-Marie Egan: She is a professor emeritus at Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, having retired in 2008 after 46 years of teaching music and French there. At different times over the years she directed the general education (core) program, chaired the music department, coordinated the humanities division and accompanied/directed the college choir. She served briefly as campus music minister. She completed her master's and doctoral studies at Indiana University.

Cicely Ward: She has lived on four continents and survived World War II bombings near her home and school in England. She was born in England, spent part of her childhood in India, and returned to England, where at age 17 she joined the Women's Royal Naval Service. In 2006 she became a U.S. citizen and is now an honorary member of the Indiana Women's Veterans group. She volunteers at Friendship House and has been a board member and committee chair for the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association. As a lay minister at St. Lawrence Church, she visits the local jail to provide spiritual guidance and friendship to inmates.

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