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women of achievement



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Since 1986, we have celebrated women from all walks of life who have remarkable careers and have given back to our community. In the early years, the stage was filled with women who were the first of their kind—the first female engineer, scientist or law partner. Sharing these women's struggles and paths to success opened doors for women seeking the same opportunities. It reminded the community that women are capable and prepared to succeed in a wide variety of roles.

Here we are 30 years later and we see that women have flooded the universities and workforce. It is rare to meet a woman these days who is the first woman in her field. YWCA Columbus is proud to continue this event, because we still have work to do. It is not enough that women have opportunities in every career field; they now need leadership opportunities equivalent to what is available for men. Watching brilliant women and listening to their outstanding accomplishments is a continuous reminder that women are ready for more leadership opportunities.

The Women of Achievement event is inspirational and educational, but also that strong hammer that continues to chip away at glass ceilings, so that the next generation of women can rise beyond our imaginations.

30 years ago, the YWCA Columbus Women of Achievement awards were originally named for 10 outstanding Columbus area women who exemplified the spirit of accomplishment. These individuals are honored for having paved the way for women's recognition, past, present and future.



Christine Y. Conaway, Eleanor A. Gelpi, Grace J. Howard, Hattie Lazarus, Katherine S. LeVeque

Lucinda Neiman Madden, Amalie K. Nelson, Harriet H. Parker, Helen H. Peterson, Florence M. Worrell

1986

women of achievement
class of



Sharon K. Bennett
Sr. Patricia Ann Carroll
Loretta Heard
Diane W. Poulton



Grayce M. Sills
Paula A. Spence
Tamara Spires Thomas
Grayce Williams

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class of

1987

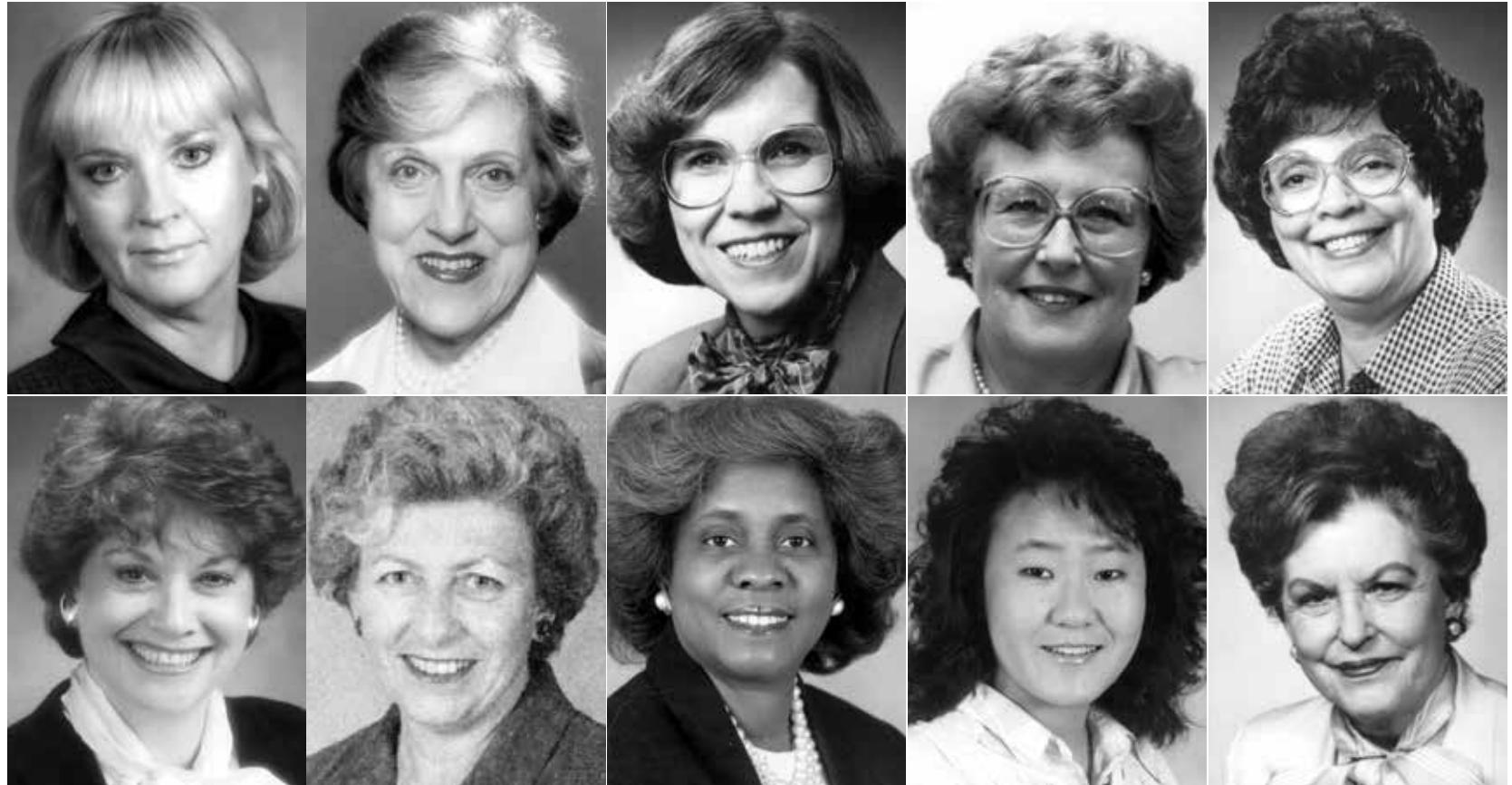


Mimi Brodsky Chenfeld, Stacy Cherry, Marie E. Collart, Mabel G. Freeman, Bonnie G. Kelm

Cheryl H. Krueger, Ruth Shuman McLean, Judith B. Moody, Ellen O'Shaughnessy, Fran Ryan

1988 women of achievement

class of



Anna D. Barke, Irma M. Cooper, K. Sue Foley, Bobbie M. Hall, Mary E. Harris
Myrna Kobre, Ruth W. Mount, Susan Ridley, Jean Suh, Mary Miller Young

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1989



Phyllis J. Bailey, Cecilia S. Cullman, Tawnya M. Lewis, Florence Melton, Judith Moseley

Helen Warner Mulholland, M. Sue O'Dorisio, Jean W. Reilly, Rhonda R. Rivera, Les Wright

1990

women of achievement
class of



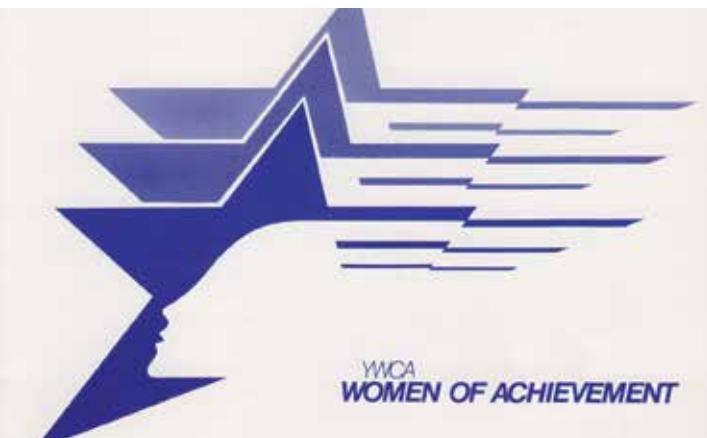
Sally W. Bloomfield
Sally J. Cooper
Fredericka Wallace Deena
Marcia Herrold
Rebecca D. Jackson



Ashindi Talika Ylitalo Maxton
Sara Neikirk
Floradelle A. Pfahl
Thekla R. Shackelford
Nancy Strause



Glenna L. Watson



1991 women of achievement

class of



Judy Barker
Diane Bennett
Susan M. Berg
Celia D. Crossley
Teresa Dowd



Antoinette P. Eaton
Fran Frazier
Anietra Y. Hamper
Gene Thomas Harris
Cynthia Lazarus



Sr. Mary Andrew Matesich
Martha Ndile
Umit S. Ozkan
Joy Harriman Reilly
Carole Williams

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Lou J. Briggs, Jo Ann Davidson, Sue Doody, Susan Finn, Elaine H. Hairston

Susan J. Insley, Janet E. Jackson, Lucy McKewen Porter, Barbara F. Stovall, Catherine Talmadge Willis

1993

women of achievement

class of



Anna Bishop
Cheryl A. Boyce
Sharon McClain Boyer
Bunny C. Clark
Ellen W. Craig-Jones



Mary Ellen Fairfield
Elizabeth D. Gee
Elizabeth B. Mayo
Anne S. Pruitt
Claire A. Sawaya



Mary Ellen Withrow
Beatrice E. Wolper

Jan Allen
Frankie L. Coleman
Dot Erickson
Ann Gazelle
Mattie B. James



Mary K. Lazarus
Angela L. Pace
Alice Robie Resnick
Carol J. Stewart
JoAnna Williamson



Tracy Wimberly

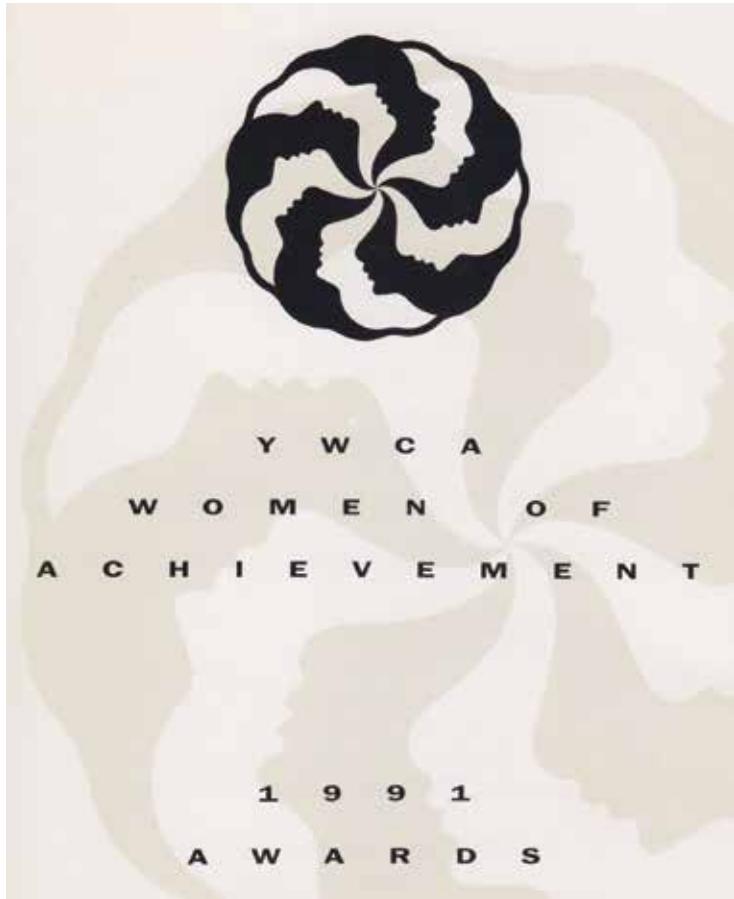


1995 women of achievement

class of



Yvette McGee Brown, Dorothy R. Brownley, Helen R. Churella, Judith Craig, Suzanne Stilson Edgar
Ellen H. Hardymon, Deborah D. Pryce, Susie Shipley, Dorothy S. Teater, Judith B. Fountain Yesso



1996

women of achievement
class of



JoAnn Kinion Davis
Liz Evans
Babette A. Feibel
Sr. Barbara Hahl



Nancy Jeffrey
Andrea Lunsford
Gail Gregory Thomas
Priscilla H. Tyson

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1997



Susan E. Brown, Ida Faye Groves, Mable J. Haddock, Amy K. Kuhn, Georgetta Lake

Greta J. Russell, Sharon Sachs, Marguerite Turnbull, Nancy L. Zimpher

1998 women of achievement

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Elsie Blount, Sally T. Boysen, Kitty Burcsu, Tanny Crane, Kathlynne D. Espy
Sallie D. Gibson, Lynn Greer, Kasturi V. Rajadhyaksha, Jody Gordon Scheiman

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1999

Jennette B. Bradley
Patricia T. Hayot
Bernadine Healy
Donna A. James



Linda S. Kass
Ann Pizzuti
Gloria J.T. Smith
Mari Norman Sunami



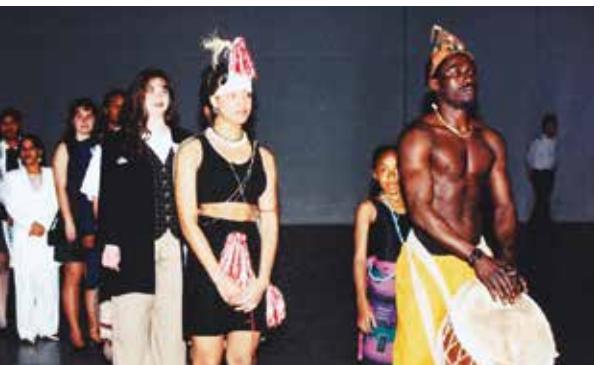
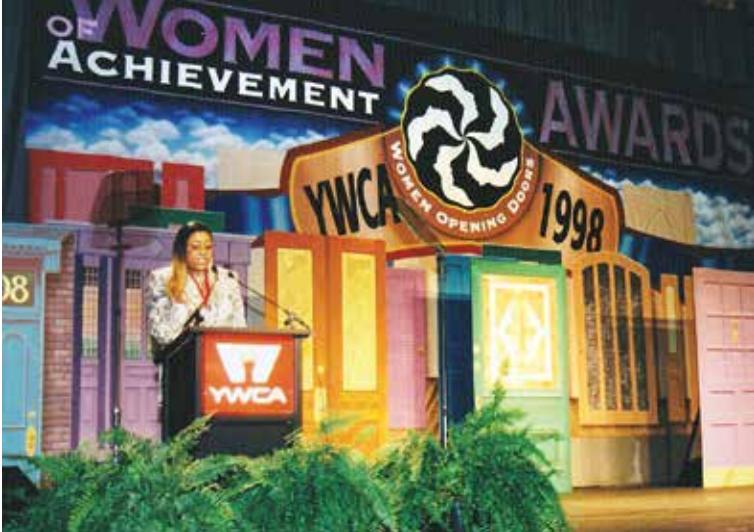
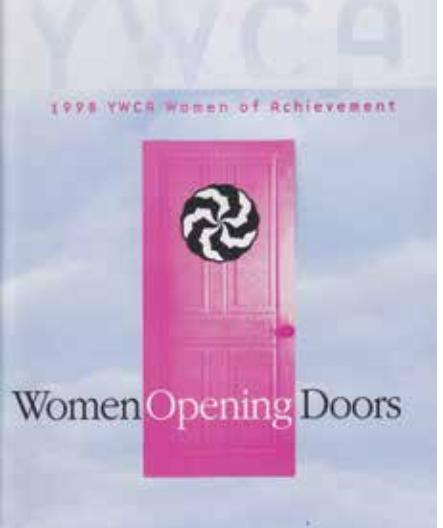
2000

women of achievement
class of



Barbara K. Brandt, Arlena Fitch-Gordon, Nancy J. Goorey, Rubyé Childs Kyles, Betty D. Montgomery

Ann E. Schiele, Kathryn D. Sullivan, Olivia W. Thomas, Stacey A. Wright



2001

women of achievement

class of



Carole A. Anderson
G. Hannah Dillard
Judy R. Garel
Paula Inniss



M. Valeriana Moeller
Nancy A. Reardon
Charleta B. Tavares
Muriel Tice

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2002

Deb Ballam
Joyce Beatty
Sherri Geldin
Roberta Jones-Booth



Rebecca A. Love
Margie M. Pizzuti
Beth M. Pritchard



2003 women of achievement

class of



Davi Blake
Joyce Link
Cathy Nelson
Barbara Nicholson



Virginia O'Keeffe
Stefanie Spielman
Judy Tuckerman

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2004



Sally Crane
Cathe Chapin Kobacker
Dianne Radigan

Kathleen Ransier
Jackie Jones Royster
Bonnie Watson

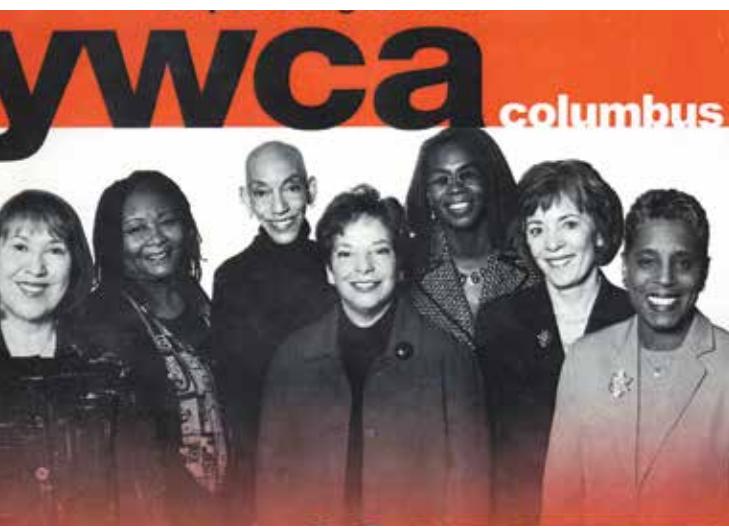
2005 women of achievement

class of



Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher
Stephanie Hightower
Dr. Valerie Lee
Valarie J. McDaniel

Bonnie K. Milenthal
Aminah Robinson
Jeanne Schoedinger



2006

women of achievement
class of



Dr. Donna A. Caniano
Iris Ann Cooper
Karen A. Holbrook



Mary Navarro
Barbara Poppe
Cheryl Prusinski

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class of

2007



Mary Yvette Austin-Palmer
Julie Graber
Mary Jo Green



Pat Logsdon
Barbara R. Snyder

2008 women of achievement

class of



Andrea Cambern
Mary Jo Hudson
Cathy M. Lytle



Denise Robinson
Nancy Rogers
Susan Tomasky

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class of

2009



Almeta Cooper
Ida Copenhaver
Karen S. Days

Elfi Di Bella
Judy Fisher
Nannette Maciejunes

2010

women of achievement

class of



Mary L. Cusick
Lisa A. Hinson
Teresa C. Long



Linda S. Stoverock
Tei Y. Street
Audrey G. Tuckerman



2011

women of achievement

class of



Loann W. Crane
Patricia Eshman
Patricia Temple Gabbe



Gale V. King
Laurie Stein Marsh
Karen Schwarzwalder

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class of

2012



Lynn Elliott
Karen Fiorile
Charlene E. Greene



Gail Marsh
Carol Perkins
Susan D. Rector

2013

women of achievement

class of



Cynthia Hilsheimer
Dawn Tyler Lee
Linda Shetina Logan



Michelle M. Mills
Carole Watkins

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class of

2014



Jane Grote Abell
Barbara Freeman
Melissa Ingwersen



Kimber Perfect
Mysheika W. Roberts



2015 women of achievement

class of



Christie Angel
Norah Bagirinka
Sharon Davies



Barbara Fergus
Nancy Kramer
Debra Penzone

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class of

2016



Christine Ballengee Morris
Kim Jacobs
Amy Klaben



Karen Morrison
Kathleen Murphy
TyKiah Wright

2017

women of achievement

class of



Tara Abraham
Dorothy Cage Evans
Tammy Fournier-Alsaada



Susan Koletar
Elaine Roberts
Rita Soronen



women of achievement

in memory



Anna Bishop
Irma M. Cooper
Ellen W. Craig-Jones
Cecilia S. Cullman
G. Hannah Dillard
Suzanne Stilson Edgar

Elizabeth D. Gee
Bobbie M. Hall
Bernadine Healy
Loretta Heard
Roberta Jones-Booth
Sr. Mary Andrew Matesich

Ruth Shuman McLean
Judith B. Moody
Judith Moseley
Ruth W. Mount
Helen Warner Mulholland
Diane W. Poulton

Kasturi V. Rajadhyaksha
Stefanie Spielman
Carol J. Stewart
Bonnie Walson
Grayce Williams
Mary Miller Young

expectations of a woman



The Academy of Women of Achievement demonstrate over and over again their passion for the work of YWCA Columbus. They volunteer at the Family Center, mentor young leaders in our programs, speak at our Leadership Luncheon series, participate in our Woman to Woman luncheons and return every year to celebrate the next class of Women of Achievement honorees. When we announced our Campaign for YWCA Columbus, 100% of the classes made a financial commitment to the campaign. The Academy's passion and enthusiasm for the YWCA guarantees an impactful legacy for decades to come.









IN MEMORY...

Aminah Robinson

1940-2015

A large, central image of Aminah Robinson, a Black woman with short hair, smiling broadly. She is wearing a dark turtleneck and a patterned blazer. The background behind her is a vibrant, horizontal gradient transitioning from purple to orange to yellow.

Aminah Robinson will forever be a treasure in the central Ohio community. In memory of this Woman of Achievement and Lifetime Achievement award recipient, we celebrate her legacy of artistic vision, hope and powerful advocacy for women worldwide.

