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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
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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class of 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

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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
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class of 1991

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
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
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Class of 1993

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
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Class of 1994

Jan Allen
Frankie L. Coleman
Dot Erickson
Ann Gazelle
Maggie 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
women of achievement
class of
1996

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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class of 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
class of

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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women of achievement

class of 1999

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

Linda S. Kass
Ann Pizzuti
Gloria J.T. Smith
Mari Norman Sunami
Barbara K. Brandt, Arlena Fitch-Gordon, Nancy J. Goorey, Rubye 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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class of

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
Sally Crane
Cathe Chapin Kobacker
Dianne Radigan

Kathleen Ransier
Jackie Jones Royster
Bonnie Walson

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Women of Achievement
Class of 2004
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. Lyttle

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
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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
Jane Grote Abell
Barbara Freeman
Melissa Ingwersen

Kimber Perfect
Mysheika W. Roberts
2017 women of achievement
class of

Tara Abraham
Dorthy 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 Watson
Grayce Williams
Mary Miller Young
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

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.