

New Jersey Women's
Hall of Fame

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3rd Annual
Induction Gala

Thursday, March 21, 2013
The Westin Princeton

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salute
the **Trenton YWCA**

NEW JERSEY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME
3rd Annual Induction Gala
Honorees:

Lisa P. Jackson
Amy B. Mansue
General Becky Halstead
Eleanor V. Horne
June Ballinger
Dr. Gloria Santiago
Mary G. Roebling (posthumously)



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*To honor remarkable women who have made
invaluable contributions to society and who embrace the
YWCA's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women*

Welcome

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us tonight for the 3rd Annual Induction Gala of the **New Jersey Women's Hall of Fame**.

Your participation not only helps us to induct remarkable women into the **New Jersey Women's Hall of Fame**; it also helps us further the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.

We created the **New Jersey Women's Hall of Fame** for the purpose of highlighting, honoring, and celebrating the accomplishment of women in New Jersey's Capital City. This virtual hall, www.NJWomen.org, will serve as a sanctuary where women's accomplishments will be remembered and young women will be inspired.

We are grateful for your presence here this evening. Whether you are here to support one of the inductees or to support the YWCA, we thank you for your participation.



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New Jersey Women's Hall of Fame

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HONORING

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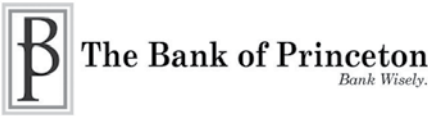
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Class of 2011

The Inaugural Class

On March 31, 2011, the YWCA Trenton proudly inducted the
Inaugural Class of the
New Jersey Women's Hall of Fame:



**Lt. Governor
Kim Guadagno**
State of New Jersey



Mary Jo Abbondanza
Saint Francis
Medical Center



Meta Griffith
(posthumously)
Griffith Electric



Brenda Ross-Dulan
Wells Fargo Bank



**Edith Savage
Jennings**
Civil Rights Icon



Christina Seix
Christina Seix
Academy



Elise Tretola
Allies, Inc.

Class of 2012

On March 29, 2012, the YWCA Trenton proudly inducted the
2012 Class of the
New Jersey Women's Hall of Fame:



Mary Higgins Clark
World Renowned
Author



Coach C. Vivian Stringer
Head Coach
Rutgers Women's Basketball



Lynne Azarchi
Executive Director
Kidsbridge Tolerance
Museum



Carmen M. Garcia, Esq.
Former Chief Judge of
Trenton Municipal
Court



Sr. Lillian Harrington, MPF
President
Villa Victoria
Academy



Anne LaBate
President
Segal LaBate
Commercial Real
Estate



Alice Paul
(posthumously)
Women's Rights
Suffragist and Author
of the Equal Rights
Amendment

Honoree



Lisa P. Jackson

Former Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Honoree

Former EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson has been named one of Newsweek's "Most Important People in 2010," featured on Time Magazine's 2010 and 2011 lists of the "100 Most Influential People in the World", listed in Essence Magazine's "40 Women Who Have Influenced the World," and profiled in O Magazine for her work to protect our nation's air, water and land from pollution that threatens human health.

Lisa led EPA's efforts to protect the health and environment for all Americans. She and a staff of more than 18,000 professionals worked across the nation to usher in a green economy, address health threats from pollution in our air, water and land, and renew the public's trust in EPA's work.

Raised a proud resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, Lisa Jackson is a summa cum laude graduate of Tulane University and earned a master's degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University. In 2012, she received an honorary doctorate degree from Tulane University. She has also received an honorary law degree from Pace Law School.

She started with the EPA as a staff-level scientist in 1987 and spent the majority of her career working in EPA's Region 2 office in New York. In 2002, Lisa joined the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and was appointed Commissioner of the agency in 2006.

Lisa has pledged to focus on seven priorities for EPA's future: taking action on climate change; improving air quality; cleaning up our communities; protecting America's waters; assuring the safety of chemicals; expanding the conversation on environmentalism and working for environmental justice; and building stronger state and tribal partnerships.

As a scientist herself, Lisa has vowed that EPA's efforts will follow the best science, using it as "the backbone for EPA programs." She has also ensured that EPA adheres to the rule of law and acts with unparalleled transparency.

As the first African-American to serve as EPA Administrator, Jackson has made it a priority to expand outreach to communities that are historically under-represented in environmental action. The EPA has stepped up protection for vulnerable groups including children, the elderly, and low-income communities that are particularly susceptible to environmental and health threats. Administrator Jackson has promised all stakeholders a place at the decision-making table.

Honoree



Amy B. Mansue
President and CEO
Children's Specialized Hospital

Honoree

Appointed to lead the nation's largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in September 2003, Ms. Mansue is a highly regarded social services and healthcare executive, a skillful leader and a long-time advocate for quality healthcare.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of Children's Specialized Hospital, she provides leadership to an extremely skilled team of clinicians and therapists providing specialized care for children. An affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, Children's Specialized operates nine sites throughout New Jersey and served 19,000 patients in 2011. The hospital provides a full range of pediatric rehabilitative services including the PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital providing inpatient rehabilitation in New Brunswick, and long term care services in their Mountainside and Toms Rivers facilities. They also offer a wide range of services including early intervention, outpatient therapy and physician services, medical day care, and have centers of excellence in Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Dysfunction, Educational and Rehabilitation Technology, Respiratory Care and Ambulatory Services. Under Ms. Mansue's leadership, Children's Specialized was named by *NJ Biz* as one of the "Top 25 Places to Work" from 2006 to 2009 including the number one ranking in 2008, and ranked in the top 100 Best Healthcare Employers in the U.S. by *Modern Healthcare* in 2008 and 2009. Children's Specialized Hospital holds the distinct honor of being the only pediatric rehabilitation system to be named to *New York Magazine's* Top Hospital Listing.

Mansue brings public sector experience at both the federal and state level. She worked for Governor Jim Florio as a staffer on healthcare policy in Congress and in his policy office. In 1993, Ms. Mansue oversaw programs for children, people with developmental disabilities, mental health and Medicaid as a Deputy Commissioner in the New Jersey Department of Human Services. She served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor James McGreevey.

Her honors include being selected as one of the 100 most powerful people in New Jersey business, by *NJBiz* and by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the top 40 executives under the age 40. Among Ms. Mansue's many achievements, she has been honored by numerous non-profit organizations for her work on health care reform and for helping to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

Ms. Mansue presently serves on the Boards of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce (2nd Vice Chair), New Brunswick Development Corporation (DEVCO), Middlesex Water Company, Children's Hospital Association (Treasurer), and the Association's Public Policy Council.

Ms. Mansue received her bachelor's degree in social welfare and master's degree in social work, planning and management from the University of Alabama. She lives in Hightstown, New Jersey.

Honoree



General Becky Halstead

U.S. Army

First Female Commanding General in Iraq

Honoree

Becky Halstead, retired Brigadier General, United States Army, founded her own leader consultancy company, *STEADFAST Leadership*, following 27 years of service in the U.S. military and her role as Executive Director for Leader Development with Praevius Group, Inc. Becky specializes in inspirational speaking (nationally and internationally), developing leader training programs, leader coaching, consulting and advising. She is currently authoring her first book on leadership.

Becky has over 15 years of executive-level leadership experience, developing and training high-performing, complex and diverse teams capable of strategic planning and execution. She has a proven record of leading change, building successful teams in demanding environments (Afghanistan and Iraq, Germany, South America), and creating innovative solutions, systems and programs to complex problems. She is an experienced leader and logistician, a highly effective communicator, and a strategic planner with exceptional organizational skills.

Becky is a 1981 graduate of the United States Military Academy and achieved an historic milestone as the first female graduate of West Point to be promoted to General Officer. She was the senior Commanding General for logistics in Iraq, and was the first female in U.S. history to command in combat at the strategic level. In this capacity she was responsible for leading over 200 multi-disciplined units (20,000 military and 5,000 civilians) located across 55 different bases, providing supply, maintenance, transportation and distribution support to over 250,000 personnel serving in Iraq.

Becky honorably served with the U.S. Army and retired as a General Officer in 2008. The culmination of her career came in 2006 when she became the first female Chief of Ordnance and Commanding General of the Army's Ordnance Center and Schools (equivalent to President of a University), responsible for the leader development and institutional training for the second largest branch in the army with over 100,000 members of the Ordnance Corps.

Becky earned a B.S. in Engineering from West Point, an M.S. in National Resource Strategy (Advanced Manufacturing) from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, and an M.S. in Advanced Military Studies (Visionary Leadership) from the Army Command and General Staff College.

She is on the Board of Directors for the West Point Association of Graduates, and she is a member on the Board of Advisors for Prevail Health Solutions, the Board of Advisors for Principal Solar, and the Board of Advisors (as well as keynote speaker) for Girls, Gals and Gurus. Becky is an active spokesperson for the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress with specific focus on military health care. She is also a Senior Advisor and Keynote Speaker on leadership for the Thayer Leader Development Group, West Point, New York.

Becky is a recipient of the 2007 National Women's History Project award for "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." From 2009 to 2010, Becky served as a Commissioner on the President's Military Leadership Diversity Commission.

Honoree



Eleanor V. Horne

Community Activist and
Former Vice President of ETS

Honoree

In 2009 Eleanor V. Horne retired from Educational Testing Service (ETS) after a career that spanned 40 years. Under Horne's leadership—most recently as Vice President of the ETS Social Investment Fund—ETS created a strong community and philanthropic presence and developed active and enduring collaborations in the local community and with a number of national organizations committed to increasing educational equity and access of women, people of color, and those with limited financial means.

Horne is actively engaged in organizations committed to improving education, expanding social justice, and enhancing communities. The Lawrence Township resident is a full-time community servant. She is Co-President of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail Corporation, a project to design and build a 22-mile multi-purpose trail connecting Lawrence and Hopewell Townships. She has chaired the boards of the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation, the National Council for Research on Women, and The College of New Jersey. She is currently a member of the boards of the D & R Greenway Land Trust, the College of New Jersey, Young Audiences, and Princeton Day School.

Horne is the recipient of many awards and honors from local and national organizations. She received an honorary doctorate for a career of public service from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 2006. In 2008 the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities recognized her for her career commitment to Black Colleges. Other awards include the 2011 Spirit of Education Award from the Mercer County Community College Foundation, 2010 New Jersey Governor's Award for Arts Education, and the 2009 Spirit of Community Award from the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education.

The roles that mean the most to Horne are mother to Monica Vaughn and grandmother to Brittany, Michael, and Kevin Vaughn.

Honoree



June Ballinger
Executive Artistic Director
Passage Theater Company

Honoree

June Ballinger is in her 17th year as Executive Artistic Director of Trenton based Passage Theatre Company, cited by the Princeton Packet to be ... "the first rank of professional companies in the territory". She originally moved here from New York City where as an actress, she garnered credits on Broadway, Off-Broadway, regional theatres and in television.

In addition to her personal ambitions as a performer, June has always been drawn to working with young people within diverse communities. She started her career in the 70's, as a founding member of San Francisco's Magic Carpet Play Company: the award winning theatre first in the nation to perform the original writings of school children.

Upon coming to Trenton, she established The State Street Project, an after-school-theatre mentoring program based on the New York's famed 52nd Street Project, as the cornerstone of Passage's restructured mission believing that a commitment to the community's youth is essential to any theatre's continuance. Working in partnership with other community based organizations, June is determined that the arts play a leading role in the revitalization of Trenton. More recently under her tenure Passage offers opportunities to Trenton's smaller grassroots arts organizations in the name of bringing increased awareness of the diverse performing arts at the Mill Hill Playhouse.

She is a member of The Ensemble Studio Theatre in NYC and serves on the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance and Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey. Ms. Ballinger is a 2003 Fellow of Leadership Trenton. She lives in Trenton with her family.

Honoree



Dr. Gloria Santiago

Board of Governors Distinguished Professor
Rutgers University

Honoree

Gloria Bonilla-Santiago is Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor, Graduate Department of Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She also directs the Center for Strategic Urban Community Leadership and is the overseer and Board Chair of the LEAP Academy University Charter School. Throughout her academic career, she has established a track record in coordinating large scale programs and private and public ventures that bring together external and internal stakeholders from a range of organizations, including government, business, non-profits and philanthropic sectors at the local, national and international levels.

In 1993, Dr. Santiago received the Warren I. Susman Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest recognition for teaching given to Rutgers' faculty by the President of the University. In 2008, she received the L'Oreal Paris Women Of Worth award, a national recognition that honors 10 women for their exemplary and transcending service to communities.

Dr. Santiago's record of service and the impact of her work on poor children / families, minorities, and community are exemplary by any standard. She is a passionate and enthusiastic educator, who has focused her professional acumen on helping people to be able to become self-reliant citizens through education and professional development. Her work on behalf of children and families has resulted in the development of a model charter school in Camden City that today serves 1,400 students in grades from infants to -16th and has become a hub for serving the families of these children through a number of LEAP portfolio schools in Camden City. Dr. Santiago has built five LEAP schools in Cooper Street, from ELRA (Early Research Academy to LEAP STEM- Science Technology and Engineering. Dr. Santiago is now taking her vision to include an Environmental k-8th school in Cramer Hill Community through a project entitled the Terrazas project. Her educational model and pioneer work is breaking grounds in the field of education nationally and internationally. She has fundraised over fifty million dollars to finance her projects. She is known as the "Patron saint of Cooper Street".

As a faculty member, Dr. Santiago's agenda in the areas of research, teaching and service provide the impetus for her tireless efforts in developing programs and new approaches to tackle fundamental social problems. She has been successful in translating her research and empirical work into real policy strategies that have garnered a number of important contributions, such as charter school legislation in New Jersey; the enactment of important legislation impacting on women and the education of urban children.

Dr. Santiago is the author of numerous articles and two books: Breaking Ground and Barriers: Hispanic Women Developing Effective Leadership and Organizing Puerto Rican Migrant Farmworkers: the Experience of Puerto Ricans in New Jersey. She is also a blogger for US World News, Huntington post, and a commentator for ABC, NBC, and CBS News on issues of Education.

Honoree



Mary G. Roebling *(posthumously)*
Chairwoman of National State Bank

Honoree

Mary Roebing was born in 1907 in West Collingswood, N.J.. She was the daughter of Isaac D. Gindhart Jr., a telephone company executive, and Mary Simon Gindhart, a music teacher. She went to public schools in Haddonfield and Moorestown, N.J., where she earned pocket money by picking strawberries for a penny a box.

She became the first woman to head a major American bank, the Trenton Trust Company. In 1937, at the age of 30, she was named its president until 1972, when it was acquired by National State. She was then elected chairman of the combined institutions. She quadrupled the banks assets to more than \$71 million.

In a speech in 1965, Mrs. Roebing said: "As a woman who for years has competed in the business world, I would be the first to agree that the American woman has almost unbelievable economic power, but American women, like women of all civilized nations, do not use the influence their economic power gives them."

Mrs. Roebing's own economic power came initially through inheritance, but she increased it vastly once it fell into her hands. She was bequeathed a large block of Trenton Trust stock by her millionaire second husband, Siegfried Roebing, whose family had long been prominent in engineering and cable manufacturing.

By 1970, Mrs. Roebing estimated that 300 other American women had become presidents or chairwomen of banks. But in 1978, when she became chairwoman of the Women's Bank, she argued that there still was a place in the business world for banks that were operated specifically for female customers.

"Women's banks can be better listeners for women and give them more time, advice and direction than an ordinary bank would give," she told an interviewer. "It's a psychological thing, really."

She continued to be active in male-dominated spheres, however: in 1978, after having served as a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army in several administrations, she became the founding president of the newly formed Army War College Foundation. It was set up to support the college's fund-raising and other activities.

Mrs. Roebing retired in 1984 as chairman of the National State Bank in Elizabeth, N.J., which then had assets of \$1.2 billion.

Mrs. Roebing died October 23, 1994 at her home in Trenton at the age of 89.

Her generosity continues well after her death. The Mary G. Roebing Foundation has been generously supporting the work of the YWCA Trenton and its mission to empower young women, keeping her tradition alive in Trenton today.

The Gerber Daisy Award

***Buy a Gerber Daisy,
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The YWCA's *Gerber Daisy*, created in 2011 by Trenton's own and world-renown Boehm Porcelain, is the Official New Jersey Women's Hall of Fame Award. Boehm Porcelain pieces have been presented to Queen Elizabeth II, Pope John Paul II, every U.S. President since Dwight Eisenhower, and is showcased in the world's foremost museums and galleries such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian, the Tokyo National Museum, the Singapore Art Museum and the Abdine Palace in Cairo.

Commissioned for the YWCA Trenton's New Jersey Women Hall of Fame, this Gerber Daisy piece is meant to highlight not only the beauty of the gerbera daisy, but acknowledge its strength and resilience. Every year, inductees of the New Jersey Women's Hall of Fame receive The Gerber Daisy Award as a celebration of women's beauty, strength and resilience.



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In Celebration of Women Honorees

Prior to 2011, the YWCA Trenton honored outstanding women through the *In Celebration of Women Gala*

2010

Rachel L. Stark, Esq., *Woman of Achievement*
Alysia Welch-Chester, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Patricia C. Donohue, PhD, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*

2009

Susanne Svizeny, *Woman of Achievement*
Jeri L. Morrison, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Michele N. Siekerka, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*

2008

Phyllis Stoolmacher, *Woman of Achievement*
Andrea Sussman, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Diane Marshall, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*

2007

Melinda Green, *Woman of Achievement*
Christiana Foglio-Palmer, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*

2006

Jeannine LaRue, *Woman of Achievement*
Debby D'Arcangelo, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Sonia Delgado, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*

2005

Christy Stevenson, *Woman of Achievement*
Susan Bass Levin, *Woman of Inspiration*
Ana I. Berdicia, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Marguerite L. Mount, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Bianca Taylor, *Young Woman of Merit*
New Jersey Wildcats, *Organizational Commitment*

2004

Jill Hallie Edwards, *Woman of Achievement*
Rhonda Berry, *Woman of Inspiration*
Valerie Rushmore, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Connie Mercer Myers, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Lindsey Tippet, *Young Woman of Merit*
WIMG, *Organizational Commitment*

2003

Mary Gay Abbot-Young, *Woman of Achievement*
Linda Greenstein, *Woman of Inspiration*
Francis Blanco, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Jane L. Rohlf, M.D., *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Jessica Lane, *Young Woman of Merit*
PSE&G, *Organizational Commitment*

2002

Senator Shirley H. Turner, *Woman of Achievement*
Jessica E. Melore, *Woman of Inspiration*
Irene D. Farley, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Sherise D. Ritter, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Sovereign Bank, *Organizational Commitment*

2001

Susan N. Wilson, *Woman of Achievement*
Pearl Grace, *Woman of Inspiration*
Cathy DiCostanzo, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Debbie Ayres, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton,
Organizational Commitment

2000

Dr. Amelia Blyden, *Woman of Achievement*
Suzanne Dunn, *Woman of Inspiration*
Bonnie Watson Coleman, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Christine O'Brien, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Four Girls Catering, *Organizational Commitment*

1999

Eileen Thornton, *Woman of Achievement*
Delores Baker, *Woman of Inspiration*
Molly Merlino, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Gwendolyn I. Long, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Contempo Press Inc., *Organizational Commitment*

1998

Marcy Maguire, *Woman of Achievement*
Edith M. Savage-Jennings, *Woman of Inspiration*
Sally Lane, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Allison Accurso, Esq., *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Summit Bancorp, *Organizational Commitment*

1997

Judith L. Shaw, *Woman of Achievement*
Rosa Rosado, *Woman of Inspiration*
Marie M. Cascone, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Kathleen Smallwood-Johnson, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
Mercer County Community College, *Organizational Commitment*

1996

Judith M. Persichilli, *Woman of Achievement*
Alicia Diaz, *Woman of Inspiration*
Eleanor V. Horne, *Meta Griffith Community Service*
Beth G. Baldinger, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*

1995

Emily Mann, *Woman of Achievement*
Mary M. Reeves, *Woman of Inspiration*
Betty V. Coles, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Valorie Y. Caffee, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
New Jersey Network, *Organizational Commitment*

1994

Jeri Lynn Morrison, *Woman of Achievement*
Mary M. Inzana, *Woman of Inspiration*
Marlene Lao Collins, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Evelyn Mason, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
CoreStates New Jersey Ntl. Bank, *Organizational Commitment*

1993

Dr. Anntarie Sims, *Woman of Achievement*
Audrey Stockman, *Woman of Inspiration*
Ida Julian Cahill, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Sandy Ewell, *Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial*
St. Francis Medical Center, *Organizational Commitment*
Mother Laura Goss Steward, *Special Citation*

1992

Deborah Aguiar-Velez, *Woman of Achievement*
Barbara T. Cooper, *Woman of Inspiration*
Helen Jackson Lee, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Janssen Pharmaceutica, *Organizational Commitment*

1991

Lisa Tomasulo Forrester, *Woman of Achievement*
H. Joan Pennington, *Woman of Inspiration*
Joan Livingston, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan,
Organizational Commitment

1990

Judith A. Yaskin, *Woman of Achievement*
Laurice R. Reynolds, *Woman of Inspiration*
Courtney N. Esposito, *Meta A. Griffith Community Service*
Mercer Medical Center, *Organizational Commitment*

The YWCA's Board of Trustees



Kris Muse, President of the Board Kris Muse joined the Bank of Princeton in March 2007 as a Senior Vice President and Commercial Lending Officer. Kris has been a Community Banker for more than 22 years primarily serving the Burlington, Camden and Mercer County areas. Prior to The Bank of Princeton, Kris worked for Commerce Bank N.A for 13 years and was responsible for commercial relationships . specifically Healthcare groups. Kris has taken her Lending and Healthcare expertise and currently leads the healthcare initiative at The Bank of Princeton out of her office located at 194 Nassau Street. Kris maintains a community presence as a Board Member of the Princeton Rotary and the YWCA Trenton. She also remains active in those events supporting her community.



Mary Jo Abbondanza, RN, BS (NJWHOF 2011) Executive Director - St. Francis Medical Center Mary Jo has served as the Executive Director of Health Promotions at St. Francis Medical Center for the past seven years. Her role has encompassed Marketing, Public Relations and Community Outreach. Her special focus involves the formation of community partnerships to enhance the access and delivery of healthcare to the area population. She holds an RN degree from St. Francis School of Nursing, a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Joseph's College and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration.



Tricia Alexis - Director, Strategic Planning & Finance - Met Life Tricia, who has worked in the financial industry for over 12 years, she's currently responsible for developing and implemented the strategic direction of an organization consisting of financial analysts, IT professionals, project management professionals, and QA specialists. It was her vision that formed the organization currently responsible for designing, developing, and interpreting critical financial and operational metrics as well as providing data on competitive intelligence for upper management. Much of the output from her organization supports decision-making. All major business projects in her overall business segment come under the governance of her organization. Tricia obtained her bachelor degree at NYU's Stern School of business and her MBA from St. John's University.



Lorraine Allen, Regional Director - The College of New Jersey Small Business Development Center Lorraine is the Regional Director of TCNJ's Small Business Development Center which counsels over 500 clients a year and trains over 2,254 business representatives annually with business and market planning, procurement, financing preparation, start up and more. She established the first regional Procurement Center to assist small, women and minority owned companies apply and compete for municipal, state and federal contract opportunities. Lorraine also originated Trenton Small Business Week.



RoseAnn Baska, Esq. – Senior Counsel - Bristol-Myers Squibb RoseAnn is Senior Counsel of Regulatory and Commercial Law & Promotion Integrity at Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS). She is responsible for providing expert and strategic legal services in the US for BMS rheumatology products. She also provides regulatory review of materials and programs promoting and advertising rheumatology products, and serves on the BMS Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Prior to her current position, RoseAnn held the position of Associate Counsel in the US Pharmaceuticals Compliance and Ethics Department. She began her 25 year career at BMS as a Cell Biologist, holding numerous positions as a Research Scientist, before earning her law degree. RoseAnn graduated from Douglass College and holds her law degree from Seton Hall Law School, where she specialized in Intellectual Property and Health Care Law.



Penelope Stohn Brouwer, DM Vice President, Thomas Edison State College Penelope Stohn Brouwer is the Vice President of Planning and Research at Thomas Edison State College and has over 30 years of professional experience, primarily in higher education, government and non-profit organizations. She has significant background in strategic planning, institutional reorganization, restructuring and regional accreditation. She has worked with faculty and administrators, designing and managing the deliberative processes, assessment and outcomes and recommendations. Dr. Brouwer has BA in History from University of Virginia, and an MPA from Suffolk University and a Doctor of Management, Case Western Reserve University from the Weatherhead School of Management.



Ka'Neda N. Bullock – Financial Advisor - Edward Jones Investments Ka'Neda is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. She has worked in the financial services industry for over 6 years. Ka'Neda joined Edward Jones as a financial advisor in 2010, and it was her vision to open the firm's first branch office in Lawrenceville. As an advisor, she works with individuals and organizations by managing their investments to reach their short and long-term financial goals. She has a wealth of experience and a true passion for helping her clients grow their wealth and achieve their life goals. Ka'Neda began her career working with The Capital Group Companies and American Funds in Los Angeles, CA. Working with one of the largest investment research and mutual fund companies in the country, she led a number of efforts including: identifying new investment recommendations in India and researching asset allocation methodology of financial advisors in the United States.



Councilwoman Marge Caldwell-Wilson – City Council Vice President - City of Trenton In 2010, Marge was elected as the North Ward's Councilwoman in the City of Trenton. A Mill Hill resident since 1983, Marge was president of the CWA, Local 1087. She is a true community activist concerned about issues facing Trenton today, particularly families being able to raise their children in a safe, clean, and healthy community. She wants to be part of reviving and stabilizing some of the wonderful neighborhoods that have fallen into urban decay. Marge has also been President of the Trenton Council of Civic Associations.



Willie Colon - Web Developer, State of New Jersey Willie Colon became President of the YWCA Trenton in June 2010. She is a Web Developer and Technical Support Specialist for the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement. She currently serves as Chair of the Technology Committee for the Harvest Moon Auction for Notre Dame and the Technology Committee for St. Ann's School. Willie is also a New Jersey Real Estate licensed agent.



Marisa Hatrak Branch Manager - Wells Fargo Bank Marisa is a Branch Manager and an Assistant Vice President for Wells Fargo Bank. She has been working in the financial services industry for over 6 years and is currently working in the Lawrenceville, New Jersey Wells Fargo branch. She is responsible for effective staff salary administration, develops and administers budgets, business development goals and objectives, staffing models, schedules and planning performance standards. Marisa holds a BA degree in Business Marketing from Rider University and is currently attending Georgian Court University working towards her MBA in Finance.

Jayne O'Connor – Division Director of Public Relations - Capital Health Jayne is Division Director of Public Relations & Marketing at Capital Health, where she manages communications, advertising and community relations for the healthcare system. Prior to joining Capital Health, she was Director of Corporate and Business Communications for Bristol-Myers Squibb for five years after serving as press secretary to Gov. Christie Whitman. Jayne is a founding and current board member of Dress for Success Mercer County. She serves on the board and executive committee of the Mid-Jersey Chamber of Commerce. Jayne holds both BA and MA degrees from Rutgers University



Michele N. Siekerka, Esq., Assistant Commissioner - DEP - State of New Jersey Michele is the Assistant Commissioner for Economic Growth and Green Energy for the State's Department of Environmental Protection. Prior to joining DEP, Michele was president and CEO of the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce. She recently completed a year-long Ford Foundation Fellowship for Regional Sustainable Development and served on Governor Chris Christie's Red Tape Review Group. Prior to the Chamber of Commerce, Siekerka worked with the Automobile Association of America as a senior legal consultant and vice president of human resources. She earned a BA in Political Science and German from Rutgers University and a JD from Temple University School of Law.



Blaire Smith, Cities of Services Coordinator - The College of New Jersey Blaire is the coordinator of Cities of Services at the Bonner Center of The College of New Jersey. In addition, Blaire volunteers with the Capitol Youth Mentoring Program at the Shiloh Community Development Corporation and works with their T.O.Y.S program, which is a mentoring and tutoring program for kids ages five through twelve. Blaire is also a mentor for their T.T.A program, which focuses on mentoring teenagers while also helping to develop their particular skill set when dealing with community service, engagement, and activism.



Elise Tretola (NJWHOF 2011), Chief Executive Officer - Allies, Inc. Elise has a diverse background which includes advocating and supporting people with special needs for the past twelve years. Prior to entering the social service field Elise owned a Homemade Pasta & Catering Company. Allies is a national nonprofit with operations in New Jersey and Colorado serving over 1,700 people with disabilities. Since 1999, Allies, Inc. has enriched the lives of people with special needs by promoting their greater independence with dignity, respect and understanding. In addition to her professional accomplishments Elise is a past Rotarian and recipient of the Paul Harris Award for the Hamilton/Washington Rotary, and was honored as Woman of the Year by Women Helping Women in 2009.



Abbey True Harris, Esq., MPP – Attorney - Fox Rothchild Born and raised in Mercer County, Abbey is an attorney at Fox Rothschild, LLP. She focuses her practice primarily on general litigation matters, with particular interest in appellate work and administrative law as well as in brief writing, especially in complex cases. Abbey has worked with a number of hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care providers in disputes with private parties as well as government entities. After receiving bachelors degrees in Spanish and Political Science from Drew University, Abbey earned her law and Master of Public Policy degrees at the University of Michigan. Prior to entering private practice, Abbey served as a law clerk to the Honorable Virginia Long at the New Jersey Supreme Court. She has volunteered at WomanSpace and New Jersey Girl Power, and spent one year studying and working at the University of Michigan's Child Advocacy Law Clinic. Abbey has also volunteered and worked with the Baha'i Community in Mercer County.



Monica L. Weaver, Provost and Dean - Mercer County Community College Monica serves as the Chief Academic and Administrative Officer for MCCC's Kerney Campus, which annually serves more than 3,000 students through associate degrees programs, the Career Training Institute, Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, the English Language Institute, and Youth College programs for children and teens. Monica holds an M.A. in Counselor Educations from Kean University and a B.A. in Journalism and Public Relations from Rider University. She also completed the Harvard University Administrative Fellowship. Monica is very active in the Trenton community and is involved with the Trenton Downtown Association, Trenton Public Education Fund, Trenton Policy Prevention Board, Workforce Investment Board, Trenton Youth Services Commission, and others.



Marion Zajac, New Jersey Economic Development Authority Marion is currently a certified Medicare Counselor under the State Health Insurance Program, Program Director of the annual Trenton Small Business Week and on the board of Mobile Meals of Hamilton Township, as well as various leadership roles in church and community. In her career with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Marion directed the small business focus at the Authority. She developed the statewide Entrepreneurial Training Institute (ETI) which focused on providing resources, education and funding to entrepreneurs and existing small businesses in New Jersey. She incorporated feedback to entrepreneurs from lenders, attorneys and related professionals and oversaw a team of professionals who provided one-on-one mentoring to grow the business. During her tenure, ETI grew to include not only start-up or existing small businesses, but also focused on varied business segments including minority and women's enterprises, franchising, technology, child care, Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs and nonprofit organizations establishing earned income ventures. Prior to joining the Authority, Marion facilitated human resource and technical training for Mobil Oil Corporation worldwide. She holds a B.S. in Management and Statistics from Rider University, completed graduate work in Adult Education and Human Resources, and is a graduate of Leadership New Jersey.



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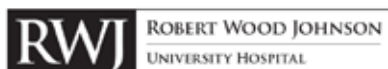
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