

***Enterprising Women Magazine Announces
2018 Enterprising Women of the Year Award Winners***
Prestigious Awards Program Recognizes World's Top Women Entrepreneurs

RALEIGH, N.C. December 11, 2018 – Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of *Enterprising Women* magazine, has announced the winners of the 2018 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards, an annual tribute to the world's top women entrepreneurs. Honorees will be recognized at the 16th Annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration & Conference, to be held from Sunday, March 4 to Tuesday, March 6 at The Four Seasons Hotel in Miami, Florida.

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Winners in the “over \$100 million in annual revenues” category:

- **Shaza Andersen**, WashingtonFirst Bank, Reston, VA
- **Gina Diez Barroso**, Grupo Diarq, Mexico City, Mexico
- **Helen Hanna Casey**, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, Pittsburgh, PA
- **Ranjini Poddar**, Artech Information Systems LLC, Morristown, NJ
- **Jill Gwaltney**, Rauxa, Costa Mesa, CA

Winners in the “over \$25 million and up to \$100 million in annual revenues” category:

- **Donna Fleming**, Litespeed Electric, New York, NY
- **Rosana Privatera Blondo**, Mark One Electric Co., Kansas City, MO
- **Meredith Leapley**, Leapley Construction, Atlanta, GA
- **Lenora Payne**, Technology Group Solutions, Lenexa, KS
- **Vanessa Ogle**, Enseo, Richardson, TX
- **Emma Sopko**, PotomacWave, Alexandria, VA
- **Kathy Raffa**, Raffa P.C., Washington, DC
- **Arria M. Hines**, Allegheny Science & Technology, Bridgeport, WV
- **Lisa Miller**, encompass, Kansas City, MO

- **Judy Nystrom**, Legacy Staffing LLC, Garfield Heights, OH
- **Gay Gaddis**, T3, Austin, TX
- **Kip Hollister**, Hollister Staffing, Boston, MA
- **Elizabeth Blount McCormick**, UNIGLOBE Travel Designers, Columbus, OH
- **Barbara Potter**, TJ Potter Trucking Inc., Becker, MN
- **Megan Smith**, Symbia Logistics, Edwards, CO
- **Amy Bayer**, PorchLight Real Estate Group, Denver, CO

Winners in the “over \$10 million and up to \$25 million in annual revenues” category:

- **Jacky Noons**, 3 Men Movers, Houston, TX
- **Sara Moola**, Visual Awareness Technologies and Consulting, Tampa, FL
- **Margaret Wood, PhD**, WOOD Consulting Services, Inc, Fulton, MD
- **Merrilee Kick**, BuzzBallz/ Southern Champion LLC, Carrollton, TX
- **Donna Cooper**, ProSource Consulting, LLC, Gainesville, VA
- **Elise Benedict-Howard**, University Moving & Storage/ northAmerican Van Lines, Farmington Hills, MI
- **Martha Montoya**, AGTools/ Viva Produce, Orange, CA
- **Cassandra Farrington**, MJ Biz Daily, Denver, CO
- **Kathryn Freeland**, A-TEK, Inc., McLean, VA
- **Rochelle Rivas**, DARTON Group Consulting, Charlotte, NC
- **Wendi Breuer**, SeaChange Print Innovations, Plymouth, MN
- **Jennifer Breen**, Suite Home Chicago, Chicago, IL
- **Rashmi Chaturvedi**, Kaygen, Inc., Irvine, CA
- **Sandy Rubinstein**, DXAgency, Edgewater, NJ
- **Katherine Prokop Christmas**, Arrowhead Promotion and Fulfillment Co., Inc., Grand Rapids MN
- **Tylie Jones Savage**, Tylie, Burbank, CA
- **Kristi Mirambell**, K-Belle Consultants, LLC, New Orleans, LA

Winners in the “over \$5 million and up to \$10 million in annual revenues” category:

- **Gail Paserba**, International Quality Consultants, Inc., Butler, PA
- **Kim Heathcott**, Clarion Security, Memphis, TN
- **Limarís Alvarado**, ECHO Consulting Group, Caguas, Puerto Rico
- **Annette Johnson**, CMT Services, Inc., Hyattsville, MD
- **Rose Brand**, Rose L. Brand & Associates, P.C., Albuquerque, NM
- **Rachel Wong Mai Kim**, Marunda Utama Engineering PTE LTD, Singapore
- **Kimberly Moore**, KDM Engineering, Chicago, IL
- **Jessica Billingsley**, MJ Freeway, Denver, CO
- **Sudha Mathew**, TalTeam Inc., Herndon, VA
- **Anne Trompeter**, Live Marketing, Evanston, IL
- **Zawadi Bryant**, Nightlight Pediatric Urgent Care, Sugar Land, TX

- **Joelle Brock**, Leading EDJE, Dublin, OH
- **Anitha Timiri Gopalakrishnan**, ePathUSA Inc., Des Moines, IA
- **Vicki S. LaRose**, Civil Design Inc., St. Louis, MO
- **Sandy Lish**, The Castle Group, Boston, MA
- **Erica Hughes**, Accent Group Solutions, St. Louis, MO
- **Erin Allen**, Contemporaries, Inc., Silver Spring, MD
- **Suzanne Simpson**, HRSG, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- **Sabina Gault**, Konnect Agency, Los Angeles, CA
- **Sandy Marsico**, Sandstorm Design, Chicago, IL

Winners in the “over \$2 million and up to \$5 million in annual revenues” category:

- **Joan Francy**, AdMed, Inc., New Hope, PA
- **Willow Marr**, M2 Strategy, Inc., McLean, VA
- **Nancy Klensch**, Summit Kids, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- **Lynn M. Souza**, Connect Computer, Inc., Fairfield, CT
- **Pamela Fay**, Lightning Bay Pneu-Draulics, Tampa, FL
- **Carrie Rich**, The Global Good Fund, Columbia, MD
- **Mary Lawrence**, RichardsGraphic Communications, Inc., Bellwood, IL
- **Marri Aviza and Lisa Norgrove**, Rumors Salon & Spa, Latham, NY
- **Lorraine D’Alessio**, D’Alessio Law Group, Los Angeles, CA
- **Theresa Payton**, Fortalice Solutions LLC, Charlotte, NC
- **Cheryl Nicholas, PhD**, InnerVision Inc., Charlotte, NC
- **Nicole Levine**, Home Clean Home Inc., Brooklyn, NY
- **Alexis Malatino-Jenkins**, Humdinger Productions, Crofton, MD
- **Sara M. Moylan**, Shefit Apparel, Hudsonville, MI
- **Kelley Taylor**, Taylor Construction Management, LLC, Houston, TX
- **Carrie Jokiel**, ChemTrack Alaska, Inc., Anchorage, AK
- **Anab Ali**, Oasis Home Healthcare Inc., Ashburn, VA
- **Ronda Jackson**, Décor Interior Design, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
- **Rachel Christenson**, Selling Energy, Burlingame, CA
- **Kimberly Baeth**, Golden Openings, Inc., Urbandale, IA
- **Doris Sammut Bonnici**, Green Skip Services, Ltd., Maghtab, Malta
- **Heather Quick**, The Quick Law Group, Jacksonville, FL
- **Davia Temin**, Temin and Company, New York, NY
- **Mandy Arnold**, Gavin Advertising, York, PA

Winners in the “over \$1 million and up to \$2 million in annual revenues” category:

- **Ashley Harris**, LoveBug Probiotics, New York, NY
- **Megan McCann**, McCann Partners, Chicago, IL
- **Lesia Seibert**, Mightily, LLC, Louisville, KY
- **Kirsti Tcherkoyan**, Options4Growth, Walnut Creek, CA
- **Patricia Shall**, Creative Benefits & Insurance Solutions, Utica, MI
- **Jennifer O’Brien**, Accounting Business Solutions by JCS, Royal Oak, MI

- **Margo Jacquot, PhD**, The Juniper Center, Park Ridge, IL
- **Luisa Guzman**, Transearch International, Miami, FL
- **Dana Stallings**, Kilwins Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL
- **Kirsten Curry**, Leading Retirement Solutions, Seattle, WA
- **Darnyelle A. Jervey**, Incredible One Enterprises, LLC, Newark, DE
- **Helen Levinson**, Indigo Interactive, Chicago, IL
- **Anna Birch**, Adventure Links, Clifton, VA
- **Sue Hawkes**, YESS!- Your Extraordinary Success Strategy, Minneapolis, MN
- **Patience Nyaoga**, Tintoria Limited, Westlands, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Judy Klein**, inKlein Consulting LLC, Newtown, PA
- **Michelle DeClerck**, Conference Event Management, Des Moines, IA
- **Joi Beasley**, GOGO Business Communications, Inc., Houston, TX

Winners in the “up to \$1 million in annual revenues” category:

- **Nicole Cober**, Cober, Johnson & Romney, Washington, DC
- **Stephanie Sage**, Sage Restoration, Inc., Overland Park, KS
- **LaSonya Berry**, McPherson Berry, Ellenwood, GA
- **Helena de Abreu e Rodrigues**, AllBy, Lisbon, Portugal
- **Glynis Gillot**, The GGD Group, Cape Town, South Africa
- **Constance Elizabeth Swaniker**, Accents & Art, Accra, Ghana

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- UnitedSucces
- National Association of Women in Real Estate Businesses (NAWRB)
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- Women's Leadership Exchange
- The International Alliance for Women (TIAW)
- Asian Women in Business (AWIB)
- eWomenNetwork (EWN)
- Association of Women's Business Centers (AWBC)

QUOTES:

"The recipients of the 2018 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards represent an amazing group of women entrepreneurs from across the United States and as far away as Kenya and Malta," said Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of Enterprising Women. "We could not be more proud to recognize their accomplishments as CEOs of fast-growth companies, community leaders, and role models and mentors to other women and girls. We look forward to shining the spotlight on them at our 16th annual awards event in March."

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For the Champion award category, all revenue levels are represented. While the Enterprising Women of the Year Award winners are receiving a once-in-a-lifetime award and may not apply again in future years, Champions may apply again to earn the Enterprising Women of the Year Award Winner designation.

Below are the 2018 Enterprising Women of the Year Champions:

- **Shani Reardon**, Modus Direct LLC, Sarasota, FL
- **Jennifer Baxter**, Tennessee Associated Electric, Knoxville, TN
- **Kimberly Springsteen-Abbott**, Commonwealth Capital Corporation, Clearwater, FL
- **Sonya Hopson**, HIRE Strategies, Raleigh, NC
- **Kari Warberg Block**, EarthKind, Inc., Bismark, ND
- **Ginger Jones**, Jones Therapy Services, Franklin, TN
- **Sally McGhee**, McGhee Productivity Solutions, Parker, CO
- **Nancy Almodovar**, Nan and Company Properties/ Christie's International Real Estate
- **Shari Verrone**, Stackable Sensations, Parsippany, NJ
- **Maira Vetter**, Modo Modo Agency, Atlanta, GA
- **Rosanne DeTorres**, DeTorres&DeGeorge Family Law, Morristown, NJ
- **Patricia Durocher**, Global Cynergies LLC, Scottsdale, AZ
- **Diana Rodriguez**, Service Master by Zaba, Chicago, IL
- **Caroline Shelly**, HF Planners, LLC, Branchburg, NJ
- **Marie McGrath**, Demand Lighting USA, Inc., Austin, TX
- **Pam Gavin**, Gavin Law Offices, Richmond, VA

- **Gale Glickoff**, GD Top Notch Cleaning Service Inc., Redford, MI
- **Elizabeth Giogi**, Mighteor, Denver, CO
- **Janine Williams**, Impulsify, Denver, CO
- **Nancie Ruder**, Noetic Consultants, Bethesda, MD
- **Paola Martinez McDonald**, Olamar Interiors LLC, Bristow, VA
- **Elaine Economou**, MOVE Fitness & Wellness, Ann Arbor, MI
- **Kara Sax**, The Sax Agency, Los Angeles, CA
- **Katrina Padron**, Padron Marketing, Evergreen, CO
- **Roberta Berkowitz**, Prendo Forensics, LLC, Bolton Landing, NY
- **Michelle Huff Elliot**, Strategic Heights Media, New York, NY
- **Camille Jamerson**, CDJ & Associates, Southfield, MI
- **Erika Moore**, Bonlife Coffee Roasters, Cleveland, TN
- **Vicky Zelen**, Zelen Risk Solutions, Jacksonville, FL
- **Kris Martinez**, Martinez Creative Group, St. Charles, IL
- **Jene' Hong**, Health Wealth, Inc., Overland Park, KS
- **Jasmine Alcantra**, JLA Group, Nantucket, MA

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"With hundreds of women entrepreneurs nominated from across the United States and around the globe, we added a new award category in 2016 to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of a larger group of women worldwide," said Monica Smiley, publisher and CEO of Enterprising Women. "These "Champions" excel in a variety of ways – through fast business growth, community leadership or as outstanding role models and mentors in their communities. We look forward to meeting both our Enterprising Women of the Year Award Winners, and Enterprising Women of the Year Champions in Miami in early March."

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