

PAST BRAVA! AWARD WINNERS

Each year we identify "Women of Excellence" in our state who have made an impact by their service to others and celebrate them at our annual Brava! Award Banquet. Following are our previous years' honorees:

2018

WUC Community Civic Leaders

Catherine Gibson

Frances Heaverlo

Karen Lane

Pearl Noreen

Carolyn Quatier

Karen Wong

2017

Leslie Jackson Chihuly, President Chihuly Studios and Advocate for the Arts

Janet JonesPreston, Global Humanitarian and Community Leader

Megan Karch, CEO, FareStart

2016

Sara Boos, Artistic Director, Northwest Girlchoir

Barbara Earl Thomas, Noted Artist, Writer and Former Director of the African American Museum

Trina Westerlund, Founder, Children's Institute for Learning Differences

2015

Sheila Capestany, Founder, Open Arms Perinatal Services

Margaret Larson, Broadcast Journalist and Host, KING 5 TV's *New Day Northwest*

Mary Yu, Washington State Supreme Court Justice

2014

Women of the Century

Dorothy C Bullitt

Dorothy Stimson Bullitt

Harriet Overton Bullitt

Katharine "Kay" Muller Bullitt

Priscilla "Patsy" Bullitt Collins

2013

Janis Avery, CEO, Treehouse for Kids

The Honorable Bobbe J Bridge, Founder and CEO, Children & Youth Justice

Maureen Browning, Founder, Friendship Adventures

2012

(Ten-year reunion celebration; no awards given)

2011

Maggie Walker, Civic Leader and Philanthropist

Luly Yang, Fashion Designer and Entrepreneur

Sister Kathleen Ross and Martha Yallup, Founders, Heritage College in Yakima

2010

Kathy Johanson and Stacy Lill, Founders and Owners, O Wines Winery

Lisa Brummel and Ginny Gilder, Ownership Team Seattle Storm

Anne Levinson and Dawn Trudeau, Ownership Team Seattle Storm

2009

Jennifer James, Urban Cultural Anthropologist

Jane Jones, Founder, Book-It-Theatre

Jean Walkinshaw, Producer

2008

Jane Hastings, Architect

Deborah Jacobs, Seattle City Librarian

Patrinell "Pat" Wright, Founder, Total Experience Gospel Choir

2007

Barbara Bennett, Founder, First Place School

Anne Gould Hauberg, Arts & Education Activist

Karen Moyer, Co-founder, The Moyer Foundation for Children in Distress

2006

Marja Brandon, Founder and Executive Director, Seattle Girls' School

Katharine "Kay" Bullitt, Noted Seattle Civic Leader and Community Activist

Dr. Bonnie J Dunbar, President and CEO, Seattle's Museum of Flight

2005

Dr. Linda Buck, 2004 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine

Assunta Ng, Publisher, NW Asian Weekly

Colleen Willoughby, President and Founder, Washington Women's Foundation

2004

Jeanne Ehrlichman Bluechel, Music Education Activist

Linda Hartzell, Artistic Director, Seattle Children's Theatre

Nancy Pearl, Director, Washington Center for the Book

2003

Virginia Anderson, Director, Seattle Center

Francia Russell, Co-Artistic Director, Pacific NW Ballet

Rita Ryder, Director, Snohomish and King County YWCA