

38th Annual Awards  
2017 Outstanding Women Awards  
Saturday, March 11, 2017

**NOMINATION FORM**

- Outstanding Woman
- Outstanding Young Woman (high school senior - age 24)
- Woman of History (Posthumous Honor)
- Woman Living Pioneer (Achievements pre-dated SCCW)

**Nominations must be mailed (postmarked no later than January 7, 2017) or emailed to SCCW01@gmail.com arriving by January 7, 2017.**

**Nominee Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Young Woman only) \_\_\_\_\_

School (Young Woman only) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death (Woman of History only) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of Stanislaus County for 3+ years  Yes  No

**Nominator's Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**A sample nomination and "Tips for Submitting a Successful Nomination" are available at [www.StanislausWomen.org](http://www.StanislausWomen.org)**

*On separate paper, please respond to the following questions and include it with this cover form. Please limit responses to no more than two (2) pages. Do not submit curriculum vitae in lieu of the requested form and response, however you may include as an addendum.*

- A. Describe how this nominee has demonstrated exceptional involvement in activities focused on a concern for women in the Stanislaus County community. These may include but are not limited to working with community organizations; leadership roles in activities; self directed endeavors, advocacy or policy making. **Outstanding Young Women** should be nominated for demonstrating exceptional leadership, extra-curricular activities that positively impact girls and women, overcoming hardship to inspire others and other actions and qualities that make her exceptional.
- B. List any Degrees, Certificates, Awards or Honors the Nominee has received related to her work on behalf of women and children.
- C. Provide other pertinent information validating the nominee's qualifications for this honor.



**Purpose of Annual Awards**

*The purpose of the Annual Outstanding Women Awards is to honor women who have demonstrated exemplary service to our community as it relates to the objectives of the Stanislaus County Commission for Women.*

**Objectives**

- *To promote issues that concern women of all ages, ethnicities, sexual orientations, economic backgrounds and beliefs.*
- *To promote within women the knowledge of their strengths and resources and to support women in the pursuit of their individual choices.*
- *To validate and celebrate the achievements of women collectively and individually throughout Stanislaus County.*
- *To support legislation and programs that address the needs of all women and children.*

## Stanislaus County Outstanding Women Honorees 1980 - 2016

### 1980

Yvonne Allen  
Bessie Bresciani  
Pat Maisetti  
Sue McClelland  
Peggy Mensinger  
Dorothy Mortensen  
Myrtle Osner  
Doris Scanlon  
Bette Belle Smith  
Wendy Turner

### 1981

Lucille Filippini  
Margaret Garat  
Mary Johnson  
Pat Paul  
Ruth Sendejas  
Ruth Sesser  
Susan Steele  
Betsy Unruh  
Jean Vincent  
Heidi Warner

### 1982

Sharon Arpoika  
Virginia Bruch  
Kenni Friedman  
Mary Grogan  
Odessa Johnson  
Bertha Lee Kuderna  
Kathy Mayhew  
Barbara Painter  
Sue Siefkin  
Cathee Vaughn

### 1983

Paula Davis  
Pamila J. Fisher  
Senaida Gomez  
Carmen Jackson  
Elizabeth J. Leedom  
Jeannette Maino  
Maria Paris  
Penny Wade  
Helen Wright  
Esther Wright

### 1984

Madelyn Amaral  
Lee R. Ashenberg  
Carol Benson  
Chrissie Woolcock Collins  
Mildred Fisher  
Laine Gallagher  
Herlinda Gonzalez  
Wanda Hurley  
Patricia Sherman  
Mary Vasquez

### 1985

Phyllis Babcock  
Connie Bird  
Arlene H. Castleberg  
Linda Collins  
Eloise Fleming Hagen  
Mattie Johnson  
Edith Kirk  
Kathie Linn  
Lenore (Lynn) Muratore  
Janie Quiroba

### 1986

Esther Beard Brack  
Mary Solorio Brandt  
Jane Jackson  
Margie Lipsky  
Carol Nemeth-Mersmann  
Lois Orr  
Heather Smith  
Nancy Smith  
Thelma Steadman  
Maria Teixeira

### 1987

Elayne Bennett  
Marsena Buck  
Joyce L. Carrillo  
Mary G. "Mimi" Dias  
Isla Farley  
Grace Lieberman  
Maggie Mejia  
Mary Menz  
Sharron E. Tennent  
Muriel Upton

### 1988

Kay Barnes  
Kay Gorwin  
Karen Dallenbach  
Florence Fernandez  
Connie Harris  
Lulu Jenkins  
Pat Morgan  
Pat Putney  
Gertrude Vasche  
Carol Whiteside

### 1989

Colleen Stanley Bare  
Janet Haws Carlsen  
Katherine Spivey  
Jamieson Caster  
Jenlane Gee  
Gladys Lemmons  
Ann Miller  
Rene Patterson  
Margaret Sturtevant  
Linda Weidman

### 1990

Virginia Andleman  
Barbarie Boyette  
Shirley Elke  
Judy Erickson  
Sterling Marie Fountain  
Shirley Walden Ingalls  
Evelyn Ritchey Neubaum  
Mary Ellen Pankratz  
Ethel Amerine Pearson  
Callie Simpson

### 1991

Michele Aiken  
Pattie Akers  
Roberta Kay Bearden  
Marilyn Camarillo  
Teresa Guerrero  
Hedy M. Harding  
Dorothy Hulst  
M. Jedelle Jones  
Catherine S. Ruch  
Barbara Schickler

### 1992

Susan Azevedo  
Cathleen Janssen Jaroch  
Ruth Caswell Jorgensen  
Harriette Kirschen  
Margaret Land  
Cammie M. Lear  
Eleanor Ruth Lanfranki  
Thora Lindlom  
Margie Louise Lee  
Cleopathia L. Moore  
Margaret Snyder

### 1993

Joyce Barfuss  
Dr. Ida Bowers  
Ludy Damrell  
Maureen Felder  
Mae Hensley  
Marie Kilbert  
Minerva Martinez  
Helen Nutson  
Virginia Parks  
Irene Westbury

### 1994

Gloria Bracco Rusca  
Margaret A. Carvalho  
Nan Cohan Jacobs  
Laureen Tomlinson  
Barbara Ross  
Linda Gillispie  
Evelyn Wood Kaufman  
Mary O. Bucknam  
Mary Baucher  
Norma Anaya-Barron

### 1995

Paula Ford  
Evelyn Martz  
Asineth Mellis  
Joan M. Recca  
Alita Roberts  
Lina A. Ruppel  
Elizabeth A. Ustach  
Mandy Williams-Boyd  
Susan Windemuth

### 1996

Marjorie Brooks  
Indira Clark  
Margaret "Lorraine"  
Cunningham  
J. Denise Fountaine  
Marie Therese Damrell Gallo  
Chella J. Gonsalves  
Paula Harter  
Wilma Lenahan  
Susanna Mendieta  
Lauren Ogbourne  
Sharon Peterson  
Delsie L. Schrimp

### 1997

Donna Bieber  
Sandra Crabill Bucknell  
Dena Boer  
Ora Mae Crane  
Lori Kramer  
Mickey G. Peabody  
Betty Jean Reynolds

Julie Saugstad  
Chanthavy Sivongxay  
Margo Souza  
Evelyn J. Welch

### 1998

Shu-Ching Chu  
Mary Jane Couer-Barron  
Neva Forney  
Vera Girolami  
Pamela Gnesa  
Sallie Ayala Perez  
Shirley Salter  
Rose Sarquis  
Britta Skavdahl  
Gail Sward  
Joyce Warner

### 1999

Loretta Murphy Begen  
Kathleen McClain Decker  
Marjorie E. Fovinci  
Lucille Hammer  
Dr. Marvalene Hughes  
Kate Nyegaard  
Nancy Oliva  
Louise Sanders  
Judith Thorkelson  
Velma Tinkler

### 2000

Mary S. Brown  
Sharon Burnis  
Denise Costa  
Mary Beth Edwards  
Sharon Froba  
Mary Alice Onorato  
Samantha A. Phillips-Bland  
Sue Potter  
June Rogers  
Jane Weinheimer

### 2001

Linda Avedon  
Bernice Bick  
Cheryl Green-Jenkins  
Kathy Hughes  
Karen O'Bannon  
Barbara Ewing Powell  
Patty Taylor  
Patty Stone  
Dottie Stevens  
Gladys Williams  
Laura Tarlo-Pacher

### 2002

Heide Allen  
Susan Dignan  
Beverly Finley  
Pat Graham  
Mary Jane Hamilton  
Juanita Jackson  
Marla Loew  
Marsha Lovelace  
Esther Rosario  
Jeanette Rosenthal  
Valrie Thompson

### 2003

Rosalie Osman  
Hazel Paul  
Mary Whetstone

Christine Hollister  
Jane Manley  
Ann L. Bonfiglio  
Lee Honoré Means  
Dr. Roberta T. Anderson  
Yvonne Porcella  
Marnelle R. White

### 2004

Anita Avila  
Lillie Clark  
Claudia Epperson  
Ginny Hollis  
Connie Howlett  
Linda Kovacs  
Marian Martino  
Anita Rohn  
Joanie Shields  
Betty Mott Silva

### 2005

Maria Arevalo  
Janet Atanous  
Wanda Bonnell  
Phyllis Bordona  
Rebecca Ciszek  
Silvia Diego, MD  
Tammy Felix  
Lee Lundrigan  
Freda Motto  
Polly Vasché  
Melanee Wyatt

### 2006

Wendy Byrd  
Karen Cosner  
Ann Dutton  
Lynn M. Hansen  
Sue Potter  
Eddy Cash-Dudley  
Jolynn DiGrazia  
Josefina Gutierrez-Miller  
Tracey Kerr  
Patricia Logan  
Virginia Madueno

### 2007

Patty Amador  
Signe Darpinian  
Diana Demetrulias  
Nancy Fisher  
Mary Chin Gong  
Patricia Heckendorf  
Anita Hellam  
Mary A. Lomax  
Jeri Passalacqua  
Joyce Reed

### 2008

Sheila Carroll  
Susan Lilly  
Susan Mattos  
Sandra McDowell  
Estella Nañez  
Dr. Gina Pallotta  
Dr. Viji J. Sundar

### 2009

Martha Connor  
Sharon Lovalvo

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Margaret Conquest-Gonzalez  
Lynn Padlo  
Henrietta Sparkman  
Bonnie Jones-Lee  
Ruby Kennedy  
Belinda Rolicheck  
Yvonne Taylor  
Adele Little

**2010**

Kathleen Blom  
Rev. Debra Brady  
Sandra Benitez  
Joanna Cusenza  
Eileen Hamilton  
Jane Howard  
Barbara Miller  
Brenda Morris  
Rochelle Rosen  
Ronna Rutishauser

**2011**

Imelda Arellano  
Branda Calbreath  
Carole Collins  
Pam Hays  
Dallas Kadry Marsh  
Betty Parker  
Kimberly Gerber Spina  
Vickie Trask  
Linda Warden  
Karen Williams

**Bette Belle Smith Award**

Carol Shipley

**2012**

Francine DiCiano  
Lynn Dickerson  
Mumtaz Fazal  
Julie Fox  
Michele Laverty  
Laura Malagon  
Coleen Sanguinetti  
Jill Silva  
Judy Sly Herrero  
Coleen R. Sparkman

**2013**

Pam Able  
Solange Altman  
Sandra de Alcuaz  
Mary Lou Dieterich  
Lynette Grandison  
Maree Hawkins  
Lynn Lysko  
Dotty Nygard  
Mary Ann Sanders  
Leah Silvestre  
Yamilet Valladolid

**2014**

Carolina Gutierrez Alfaro  
Lori Aderholt  
Rapunzel Amador Lewis  
Birgit Fladager  
Patricia Hughes  
Maria Jaime  
Sheree Lustgarten  
Dr. Priti Modi  
Carmen Morad

Heather Sherburn  
Kate Trompetter  
Barbara Vallo England

**2015**

Cindy Duenas  
Britta Foster  
Marian Kaanon  
Reina Lopez-Negrete  
Lynne Meredith  
Kaye Osborn  
Sharon Silva  
Stacy Speiller  
Arlene Vilas  
Gillian Wegener

**2016**

Joyce Gandelman  
Janette Garcia  
Linda Lagace  
Erin Nelson  
Denise Nordell  
Hattie Pope  
Ruhi Sheikh  
Debbie Soro Adair  
Carla Strong  
Terry Wheatley  
Sue Zwahlen

**Stanislaus County Outstanding Women of History**

**1980**

Dr. Pauline Young  
Buena Hazard  
Emma Abott Simon  
Dr. Clara B. Finney  
Hellen Hohenthal  
Florence Wilson Bessac  
Grace Davis  
Florabel Brennan  
Abbie Fulkerth  
Esto Broughton

**1982**

Rose Tobin Bemis  
Beatrice Colton  
Darlene Zephyr Clarke  
Laura Jamison Dakin  
Ruth Dolson  
Estelle C. Evans  
Mary "Bessie" Ferguson  
Hazel Grace Schuler  
Helen Garson Shoemake  
Bertha H. Veneman

**1985**

Dr. Clara Finey  
Treoila Paredes Villicana

**1986**

Esther Hall Crowell  
Francis Gettys Zerillo

**1987**

Kathryn McClure  
Gertrude Parker

**1989**

Kathlen E. (Kay)Black  
Violet Voorhess  
Drew Ailene Jaffa

**1990**

Geraldene Asell  
Ada Grow

**1991**

Jane Allen  
Ellen Dallas  
Mildred Taylor

**1992**

Ardys Tycrell Baird  
Ella Brauer Grow

**1993**

Aggie Anker  
Bertha Isabel Christman  
Kinnear  
Vada Kirk Fink

**1994**

Helen Caswell  
Blanche Courtney Lorenzen

**1995**

Margaret L. Annear  
Marianna Carpinello Bracco  
Teofila Paredes Villicana

**1997**

Alice Lyons  
Willie Mae Williams

**1998**

Luella Avery Hughson

**1999**

Nina Ribak-Rosenthal  
Gertie Zehrung

**2000**

Thais McGrath

**2002**

Virginia Belt  
Pearl Knutson Nicolds  
Christina Jocoba  
Vanderakkee Van  
Konyenburg

**2003**

Alice Norton

**2004**

Dr. Lorna E. Mullen Swain

**2006**

Evelyn Hanshaw  
Bernice Wood

**2010**

Mayris Baddell

**2012**

Frances Clara Gondring

**2013**

Helen Pierce

**2014**

Laura C.C. Petersen

**Stanislaus County Living Pioneer**

**1982**

Dr. Evelyn Mayman

**1983**

Margaret Painter  
Wilma McFarland

**1984**

Andrienne Elleby Bradley  
Myra Hughes  
Elise Roberts  
Violet Tallmon

**1996**

Alma M. Whitmore

**1997**

Albina "Bina" Rusca

**1998**

Edith Caswell Wheeler

**2000**

Isabell Hartwich

**2002**

Martha Loeffler

**2003**

Dorothy Ann Bearden

**2004**

Edna Keechler Stewart

**2005**

Mary Arbury

**2006**

Lucy Al. Alcalá  
Zora Arredondo  
Marion Tillson Bradford  
Dr. Irene Bohlender Collins

**2007**

Betty Wilson Wynne

**2008**

Madeline Holloway  
Phyllis Larrick

**2009**

Josephine (Jody) Bessac-Landon

**2010**

Marian Pettygrove

**2012**

Marilyn Menzies Ulm

## Stanislaus County Young Women Honorees

### 1986

Rachel Mae Hunter  
Kimberlee Reed

### 1987

Dristi Laughlin  
Dixie Weststeyn

### 1988

Alice Cole  
Julie Mendoza

### 1989

Toni Alexander  
Michelle Mello

### 1990

Inderpal Basra  
Irma Camorlinga

### 1991

Alisa Hagerty  
Eryn Hoagland

### 1992

Annette Marie Gammon  
Akiba Edo Green  
Jennifer Lena Martin

### 1993

Seema Sundar  
Jennifer Wilson  
Sylvia Johnson

### 1994

Dayna Wagner  
Kristin Krajewski

### 1995

Lydia Payne  
Kelly Rempfer

### 1996

Karely Arana  
Jennifer Dramer  
Julie Men-Sie

### 1997

Saba Ali  
Katherine Stephan  
Alice Su

### 1998

Myra Cervantes  
Kia Lee

### 1999

Liliana Alvarez  
Nancy Calderon  
Elizabeth Guecamburu  
Katy Lynn Pretti

### 2000

Zena Knight  
Erin Kramer  
Xia Lee  
Nicole Loeffler

### 2001

Amy Sara Beth Haskett  
Nou Lee  
Miriam Solis  
Aleza L.R. Strong  
Patricia G. (Patti) Torres

### 2002

Areli Dohner-Chavez  
Kari Graham  
Linda Huynh  
Melissa Loeffler

### 2003

Amy Nicole Millanes  
Luz Jasso  
Kristina McKibben  
Katherine Pacher

### 2004

Victoria Anne-MaRie Baker  
Clarrissa Kincy  
Danielle Rae Simmons  
Kristen Ware

### 2005

Senda Chang  
Sylvia Montes  
Andrea Olson  
Laura Pirtle

### 2006

Sloane Beck Ardis  
Katie N. Druen  
Lindsay King  
Judy Vo

### 2007

Jilliann Hill  
Madeleine Kimball Key  
Mallory Mitchell

### 2008

Kyra Loretelli  
Stephanie Ann Myers  
Tram Pham  
Kathryn Uyeno

### 2009

Alicia Still  
Krystal Tobar  
Catherine Malone

### 2010

Nadine Khedry  
Cody Malone  
Kelli O'Bannon  
Maggie Rolichcheck  
Sonam Virk

### 2011

Kelly Lonergan  
Shannon White

### 2012

Gina Amador  
Emily Blair  
Emily Bowerman  
Makiyah Ruggieri-Vesey

### 2013

Jenna Anderson  
Analisa Frietas  
Fallon Ferris

### 2014

Alondra Avila-Diaz  
Cierra Booz

### 2015

Brianna Addington  
Krupa Modi  
Makenzie Salyer  
Selena Thomas  
Itzel Villalobos

### 2016

Taylor Beckwith  
Mahima Krishnamoorthi  
Sienna Samra