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Business Woman of the Year finalists named

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The finalists for the 3rd annual Tampa Bay Business Journal Business Woman of the Year awards have been determined.

Winners in each category will be announced in an evening black tie event at the [Tampa Convention Center](#) August 18. Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio will co-emcee the event with Tampa Bay Business Journal publisher Arthur Porter.

The awards recognize the contributions that women are making to Tampa Bay's growing and dynamic business community.

Cocktails and networking will be followed by the awards ceremony. The evening ends with an opportunity to congratulate the winners over dessert and coffee.

Here are the finalists:

BUSINESS SERVICES

- Renee A. Benton, president, chief executive officer, [Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance](#)
- Debra Curtiss, vice president, general manager of [Tampa Peak 10 Data Center Solutions](#)
- Gail Golman Holtzman, attorney, [Constangy Brooks & Smith LLC](#)
- Carmen Inclan, vice president, [HomeBanc Mortgage Corp.](#)
- Pamela Kauten, president/founder, PEAK Connections / Florida CareerLINK
- Barbara H. Luikart, attorney, [Phelps Dunbar LLP](#)
- Jamilette B. "Jamie" Melendez, director of communications, Tampa Bay WorkForce Alliance
- Jennifer Murphy, vice president, [Wachovia](#)
- Kathy Ann Perry, vice president sales and marketing, [ACS Connect](#)
- Angela M. Rosario, director of community relations, [Jobing.com](#)
- Janice Sands Ash, president, chief executive officer, [Ash Engineering Inc.](#)
- Jane Strong, owner, [Happy Feet Plus](#)
- Holly B. Tomlin, president, owner, Tomlin Staffing
- Beth Yovino, manager, finance and accounting practice, [Veredus Corp.](#)

GOVERNMENT

- Patricia G. Bean, county administrator, Hillsborough Board of County

Commissioners

- Laura Berkowitz, senior research manager, Pinellas County Economic

Development

- Pat Frank, clerk of the circuit court, Hillsborough County
- Hannah M. "Nancy" Robinson, commissioner, Hernando County
- Lillian C. Stringer, director of public relations, [Tampa Housing Authority](#)
- Karen Williams Seel, commissioner, Pinellas Board of County

Commissioners INTERNATIONAL

- Marca Marie Bear, associate dean of international programs,

[University of Tampa](#)

- Jaseline Johnson, media consultant, international producer, TV Asia (Florida Bureau)

MANUFACTURING

- Ann Kennedy, president, [Superior Electronics Inc.](#)
- Dulcee L. Loehn, business development manager, [Cortez Commercial Systems](#)
- Barbara Manzi, president, owner, [Manzi Metals Inc.](#)
- Judy Mitchell, president, Peter R. Brown Construction
- LuAnn Schecht, owner, Pittsburgh Mattress Factory

MEDIA

- Jan Luongo, president, [Alliance Communications](#)
- Sylvia Sethares-Heyl, director of sales, Bright House Networks
- Dawna Stone, president, publisher, Her Sports & Fitness; vice-president, [Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia](#)
- Cherie Wenstrom, vice president, director of media, [Wenstrom Communications Inc.](#)

NON-PROFIT/SOCIAL SERVICES

- Sue Buchholtz, president, chief executive officer, PARC

- Barbara Inman, executive director, Pinellas Habitat for Humanity
- Debra Reyes, president, chief executive officer, [Neighborhood Lending Partners Inc.](#)
- Karen Ryals, chief executive officer, Achieve Tampa Bay and [Achieve Management Inc.](#)
- Cindy Sofarelli, executive director, Tampa Metropolitan [YMCA](#) - Family Campo Branch

YOUNG

- Pasha Baker, president, chief executive officer, Posh Business Solutions
- Jennifer Bakunas, president, Magnetic
- Rachel Cantor, president, [RC Associates LLC](#)
- Kimberly Ibasfalean, president, [Captain Kim's Enterprises Inc.](#)
- Shelley H. Roth, office manager, KB Home

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