



**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME**

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**ALAMEDA COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME VIRTUAL RECOGNITION EVENT**

We are excited to announce a virtual recognition event to honor the [2020 Women's Hall of Fame Inductees](#). In lieu of the annual in-person celebration, we are going virtual to raise our glasses to make a toast to 13 phenomenal women inducted this year. The virtual recognition event began on October 30, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. PST and includes video biographies of the honorees, a message from County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, recognition for our outstanding sponsors, and a surprise for one of the inductees. We look forward to celebrating with you all!

Thirteen local women representing the region's rich diversity as well as a remarkable range of achievement have been selected to be inducted into the [Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame](#). The program is co-sponsored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the County's Commission on the Status of Women and raises funds for local community partners supporting women and families in Alameda County. In addition, the program advocates for the academic pursuits of local girls through the **Mary V. King "Leading the Way" Youth Scholarship Fund**.

The success of the **Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame** is made possible through the continued support of our sponsors. We extend our sincere gratitude to our Presenting Sponsor, Kaiser Permanente and our Platinum Sponsor, The Oakland Athletics for their generous contributions! Your continued support is greatly appreciated and contributes to the prosperity of the countywide community.

Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation will also play a big part in the [2020 Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame](#). The Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation is focused on youth in underserved communities, ensuring that every child has access to three vital pillars to a happy, healthy, and successful childhood: nutritious food, a quality education from early-childhood through college completion, and the opportunity to play and be physically active. Please [join us](#) to unveil the surprise!

**The 2020 Women's Hall of Fame Inductees are:**

• Business and Professions: <b>Reign Free</b>	• Justice: <b>Sonya L. Smallets</b>
• Community Service: <b>Candi Thornton-McCreary</b>	• Non-Traditional Careers: <b>Jean Bjork</b>
• Culture & Arts: <b>Judith Smith</b>	• Philanthropy: <b>Nicole Kyauk</b>
• Education: <b>Susan A. Cota, Ed.D.</b>	• Science, Technology, Engineering: <b>Rashim Mogha</b>
• Emerging Leader: <b>Nazineen Kandahari</b>	• Sports & Athletics: <b>Teri McKeever</b>
• Environment: <b>Fatemeh Shirazi, Ph.D.</b>	• Youth: <b>Valeria Cruz</b>
• Health: <b>Cynthia Carey-Grant</b>	

Nominations are being accepted for the 2021 Alameda Women's Hall of Fame. If you would like to nominate a leader in your community, please visit [acgov.org/whof/nominations.htm](http://acgov.org/whof/nominations.htm).

To make a contribution to the Mary V. King "Leading the Way" Youth Scholarship Fund, please visit [acgov.org/whof/support.htm](http://acgov.org/whof/support.htm).

For more information on the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame and the 2020 inductees, please visit [whof.acgov.org](http://whof.acgov.org) or please e-mail [countyadministrator@acgov.org](mailto:countyadministrator@acgov.org) for additional information.