



24th ANNUAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME *Sponsorships Also Available to Help Nonprofit Community Partners, Youth Scholarship Fund*

Tickets are selling fast for the 24th Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on April 1 in Pleasanton. Purchase your tickets today to ensure you have a place at one of the season's most inspiring events – an afternoon of good food, live music and the remarkable stories of some of our community's most accomplished women.

Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased online at <http://whof.acgov.org>. Proceeds will support far-reaching local partners serving women and families in Alameda County. In addition, the event will raise funds to support the academic pursuits of local girls through the Mary V. King "Leading the Way" Youth Scholarship Fund, named after the former Alameda County Supervisor and Women's Hall of Fame co-founder who died in 2015.

Twelve local women representing the region's rich diversity as well as an exceptional range of achievement will be inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame at the Luncheon and Awards Ceremony. The event will be **Saturday, April 1, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Building B, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. with the ceremony scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.**

Sherry Hu, Emmy winning reporter for KPIX-TV Channel 5, will serve as this year's Mistress of Ceremony.

This year's inductees are:

- **Linda Mandolini**, President of Hayward-based Eden Housing Inc., in the Business and Professions category.
- **Suzan Bateson**, Executive Director of the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Community Service.
- **Ayodele Nzinga**, a longtime leader in the East Bay theater community, Culture and Art.
- **Catherine (Suárez) Dunbar**, a Livermore Spanish instructor who educates and empowers others outside the classroom, Education.
- **Emily Kirsch**, co-founder and CEO of the world's first incubator and accelerator dedicated to solar and intelligent energy, Environment.
- **Patricia Aguilera**, former CFO of La Clinica de La Raza and safety net health care advocate, Health.
- **Kathie Barkow** of Union City, one of the creators of the Alameda County Homeless and Caring Court, Justice.
- **Aeeshah Clotney**, co-founder of Attitudinal Healing Connection, an Oakland nonprofit that works to build peaceful and loving communities, Non-Traditional Careers.
- **Audrey Yamamoto**, President and Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Fund, Philanthropy.
- **Katherine Yelick**, of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and UC Berkeley, an international leader in computational sciences and the advancement of STEM education, Science, Technology, Engineering.
- **Hel Say**, who came to the United States from Burma as a girl and now coaches a girls' soccer team composed of newly arrived refugees and immigrants, Sports and Athletics.
- **Lauryn Nguyen**, a senior at Maybeck High School with an extraordinary commitment to community service and deep devotion to four younger siblings, Youth.

This year, eight major corporate sponsors have already committed their support to the Women's Hall of Fame: AEG Facilities, Kaiser Permanente, 1st United Credit Union, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, The Clorox Company, Dominion Voting, the East Bay Community Foundation and Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available – including the chance to purchase tables/seats for youth to attend the event. To learn more, go to <http://whof.acgov.org> or e-mail countyadministrator@acgov.org for additional information.