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*Women's Hall of Fame*

**22nd ANNUAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

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**ALAMEDA COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT  
12 OUTSTANDING WOMEN AT 2015 CELEBRATION**

Twelve outstanding local women will be inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame at its 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Luncheon and Awards Ceremony in Oakland on March 21.

This year's inductees are:

- **Shirley Nelson**, Business and Professions. Shirley is the founder of Summit Bank in Oakland and a moving force in community development. Shirley also launched the Summit Bank Foundation, which provides scholarships to youth who otherwise would be unable to attend college.
- **Gladys Green**, Community Service. Gladys, now 90, is a multifaceted community leader who has led multiple efforts to feed the hungry, grow local businesses and decrease violence in and around Oakland.
- **Sherry Hu**, Culture and Art. Sherry retired after an Emmy Award-winning career as a news reporter for KPIX-TV and now works with high school students in Oakland helping them to produce a student newscast and website.
- **Elnora T. Webb**, Education. Dr. Webb is President of Laney College in Oakland who has overseen extensive campus upgrades and strengthened partnerships with local business to bolster vocational training and employment opportunities for students.
- **Jenny Fang**, Environment. Jenny, a student at San Leandro High School, inspires students to establish more sustainable practices at school. She leads a campus project to grow organic produce and has raised student awareness about the global clothing industry's impacts on women and the environment.
- **Ann Petru**, Health. Dr. Petru is Director of Infectious Diseases at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland who led pioneering efforts in the treatment of HIV and in battling the stigma associated with the infection.
- **Peggy Bristol-Wright**, Justice. Peggy is an immigration attorney who specializes in helping children seeking Special Immigration Juvenile Status and Asylum in the United States. She also has established strong ties with the local clergy in order to help support young immigrant clients.
- **Rhonda Wood**, Non-Traditional Careers. Rhonda is owner and winemaker for Wood Family Vineyards in Livermore, a successful enterprise in an industry where women are underrepresented.

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- **Bobbi Silten**, Philanthropy. Bobbi is President of the Gap Foundation and Senior Vice President of Global Responsibility for Gap Inc., overseeing community investments and volunteer programs for employees worldwide and ensuring that Gap invests in humane business practices and quality workplace provisions.
- **Natalia Zaitseva**, Science, Technology, Engineering. Natalia is a staff physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory who developed a method for growing crystals at speeds not previously thought possible. Crystals grown using this method are a key component of fusion research at the lab.
- **Michelle Smith McDonald**, Sports and Athletics. Michelle is a sportswriter who has spent her career with leading Bay Area and national publications telling the stories of women who have transformed sports.
- **Farmaan Judge**, Youth. Farmaan is a student at Newark Memorial High School who started Education 2 Future, which raises money to provide educational opportunities for children living in poverty.

“Each of these outstanding women is a living example of why Alameda County is a place that is second-to-none in terms of its vibrant culture and rich diversity,” said Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, an event co-chair. “Their stories inspire us all to work to make our community a better place.”

**This year's Women's Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 4700 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland.** The event will be hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

“This will be an inspiring afternoon for everyone in attendance as we shine the spotlight on 12 outstanding women who are truly making a difference in Alameda County,” said Dr. Jennifer Ong, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The program raises funds for local nonprofit community partners providing needed resources to women, youth and families in our community. The Women's Hall of Fame also sponsors a Youth Scholarship to help a young woman further her education or training. Individual sponsorships are available, providing an opportunity for our business, government and community partners to support our youth. Tickets to the luncheon and awards ceremony are \$85. For tickets, visit [whof.acgov.org](http://whof.acgov.org). For sponsorship opportunities, call (510) 272-3882.