



19th ANNUAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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ALAMEDA COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY

Eleven outstanding women will be inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame at a luncheon and awards ceremony in Oakland on Saturday March 31. The event will be at **12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012, 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.

The program raises money for local charities providing needed resources to women and children in our community. The Women's Hall of Fame also sponsors a Youth Scholarship to help a girl or young woman further their education or training. Tickets to the luncheon and awards ceremony are \$75. For tickets, call (510) 272-6510 or visit <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/>.

This year's inductees are:

- **Terry Alderete of Newark, Business and Professions.** Terry is a festival and event organizer and the driving force of Oakland's Dia de los Muertos festival and other popular Bay Area events.
- **Barbara Bernstein of Berkeley, Community Service;** Barbara has devoted more than 40 years to managing programs assisting those in need and now heads program linking people to vital services.
- **Mildred Howard of Berkeley, Culture and Art;** Mildred is visual artist renowned for integrating recycled materials and other objects into stunning works of art. Her works are seen in some of the region's finest museums.
- **Oral Lee Brown of Oakland, Education.** Oral's foundation has sent almost 200 at-risk youth to college. She began by "adopting" a class of first graders and financing most of them through college.
- **Connie Galambos Malloy of Oakland, Environment;** Connie is a central player in a program that prepares low-income and people of color to serve on boards making key decisions impacting the environment.



- **Pamela Arbuckle Alston, DDS, of Oakland, Health;** Pamela is Dental Director at the Eastmont Wellness Center and a longtime provider of dental services to underserved and disadvantaged communities.
- **Jocelyn Larkin of Berkeley, Justice;** Jocelyn is an attorney at the center of landmark employment discrimination cases who has helped protect and create new opportunities for women in the workplace.
- **Nicole Taylor of Oakland, Philanthropy;** Nicole has led the East Bay Community Foundation in a dramatic expansion of its ability to raise and distribute millions of dollars to help people train for and find productive jobs.
- **Dawn Shaughnessy of Livermore, Science;** Dawn is a scientist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory who leads a team that has discovered six new elements on the periodic table – the heaviest elements found to date.
- **Debby De Angelis of Hayward, Sports and Athletics.** Debby is athletic director at Cal State East Bay who has overseen an expansion of CSUEB’s sports programs and its elevation to a Division II program offering scholarships to student athletes.
- **Arooj Haq of San Leandro, Youth.** Arooj, 17, is a senior at San Leandro High School and an aspiring nurse who participates in programs that teach children and teens to make healthy lifestyle choices.

“Each of these 11 outstanding women contributes to life in our community in ways that help make Alameda County a place that is second-to-none in terms of its vibrant culture and the diversity of its people,” said Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, an event co-chair. “Our Women’s Hall of Fame also continues to grow, and we believe our newest inductees will help make 2012 our best year ever.”

To learn more about the 2012 inductees to the Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame, go to <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/>.