
Business Journal Honors Leading Twin Cities Businesswomen

The Business Journal has named the Twin Cities' Most Influential Women and Women to Watch in its annual Women In Business publication, available in the July 26 issue of The Business Journal.

The publication honors the Twin Cities' top directors, corporate officers and up-and-coming entrepreneurs. A list of the Top 25 Women-owned Businesses also is included in the section.

Business Journal editors selected the 25 Most Influential Women based on their long-standing history of professional accomplishments and strong leadership in the Twin Cities business community.

The Most Influential Women are:

- Linda Ahlers, Marshall Field's, Target Corp.
- Sarah Andersen, Andersen Corp.
- Mary Brainerd, HealthPartners.
- Tonya Moten Brown, University of Minnesota.
- Lynn Casey, Padilla Spear Beardsley.
- Yvonne Cheung Ho, Metropolitan Economic Development Association.
- Marilyn Dahl, Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota.
- Louise Dickmeyer, Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- Janet Fiola, Medtronic Inc.
- Luella Goldberg, supervisory board, ING Group.
- Vicki Gowler, St. Paul Pioneer Press.
- Tina Hoye, Nelson, Tietz & Hoye.
- Mary Jeffries, St. Paul Venture Capital.
- Kristine Johnson, Affinity Capital Management.
- Pamela Knous, Supervalu Inc.
- Karen Larson, Synovis Life Technologies Inc.
- Peggy Lucas, Brighton Development Corp.
- Siri Marshall, General Mills Inc.
- Marjorie Mathison Hance, College of St. Catherine.
- Marti Morfitt, CNS Inc.
- Ginny Morris, Hubbard Radio, Hubbard Broadcasting Inc.
- Mary Nichols, College of Continuing Education, University of Minnesota.
- Ann Schrader, HealthEast Care System.
- Kathryn Tunheim, GCI Tunheim.
- Amy Waggoner, KQRS, 93X, Drive 105, KDIZ.

Business Journal editors also named the Women to Watch, who were chosen based on their professional track records, leadership qualities and potential and drive for future successes.

The Women to Watch are:

- Pat Awada, Mayor of Eagan.
- Patricia Beithon, Apogee Enterprises.
- Felicia Boyd, Faegre & Benson.
- Connie Fuhrman, Best Buy Cos. Inc., Musicland division.
- Janel Goff, Goff Investment Group, U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray.
- Sima Griffith, Aethlon Capital.
- Linda Hall Whitman, QuickMedx.
- Paula Howard, Goff & Howard.
- Barbara Jerich, Walser Automotive Group.
- Jean Kane, Welsh Cos.
- Kathleen Kelley, M&I Bank Minnesota.
- Pam Krank, The Credit Department.
- Katy Lowery, Community Solutions Fund.
- Rita Maloney, WCCO Radio.
- Ellen McInnis, Wells Fargo Minnesota.
- Ann Robinow, Patient Choice Healthcare Inc.
- Amy Rolando, Table for Two.
- Sheila Ronning, UpSwing Business Expo.
- Noel Schenker, Select Comfort.
- Chris Shea, General Mills Foundation.
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- Sharon Smith-Akinsanya, the rae mackenzie group.
- Beverly Waldorf, Hurderos.
- Tina Wilcox, FAME.

This is the fifth year that The Business Journal (formerly CityBusiness) has published a special Women In Business publication. Over the years we have honored owners of the top 25 women-owned businesses and the Twin Cities Most Innovative Women, as well as the Most Influential Women and Women to Watch.

Complete profiles of The Twin Cities' Most Influential Women and the Women to Watch are printed in this week's edition of The Business Journal, published Friday.

