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## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Women Awards

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Dear Friend:

Holly Beville  
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The Alexandria Commission for Women is seeking nominations for the **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Women Awards**. Each year, the Commission for Women celebrates Alexandria's outstanding women, men, and youth who have made a significant impact on women and girls in Alexandria. The awards ceremony and cocktail reception will be held on **Monday, March 20, 2017** at the **U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Madison Auditorium located at 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA 22314**.

Elizabeth Johnson  
PJ Palmer Johnson

### **Nomination information:**

Tarina Keene  
Kendra Martello  
Anuja Miner  
Brian Morreale  
Thao Nguyen  
Maribel Ramos

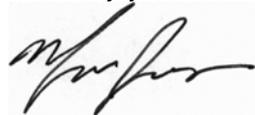
The award descriptions, award eligibility and nomination instructions can be found in the enclosed nomination materials. These materials can also be found online at [www.alexwomen.com](http://www.alexwomen.com). The selection of award winners is based upon the information that the nominator provides on the nomination form. We ask that the nominator inform the nominee that he/she has been nominated. Each award winner will receive a complimentary ticket to the event, and nominees will receive a discounted ticket. Incomplete nomination forms and those received after the deadline will not be considered. Complete nomination packets must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 17, 2017**.

### **Please submit your award nomination by:**

- Completing the form online at: [www.alexwomen.com](http://www.alexwomen.com); or
- If necessary, mailing to 720 N. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

For additional information on **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Women Awards** ceremony, please visit [www.alexwomen.com](http://www.alexwomen.com). Event registration is currently open. We appreciate your participation and look forward to seeing you at the event. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Patterson at [marilyn@joyousevents.com](mailto:marilyn@joyousevents.com).

Sincerely yours,



Monika L. Jones, Chair  
Alexandria Commission for Women

**Alexandria Commission for Women  
2017 Salute to Women Awards Nomination Form**

Complete nomination packets must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 17, 2017**. They can be:

- **Submitted online** at [www.alexwomen.com](http://www.alexwomen.com) or
- If necessary, mailed to: 720 N. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, Attn: Erica Vasquez.

**Nominations must be received electronically or postmarked by Friday, February 17, 2017.**

**Incomplete forms and those received after the deadline will not be considered.**

**Nominations deadline will not be extended. Nominees will only be considered for the category in which they are nominated. Awardees must be present at the Salute to Women Awards program on Monday, March 20, 2016. Awardees will also be asked to participate in a short video; time and location will be provided.**

**Eligibility:**

- The nominee must be a resident of the City of Alexandria **or** the work for which he/she is being nominated must benefit women and/or girls in Alexandria.
- Members and pending applicants of the Alexandria Commission for Women, as well as and members of the Friends of the Commission for Women board are **not** eligible.
- Department of Community and Human Services staff members who staff or directly support the efforts of the Alexandria Commission for Women are **not** eligible.
- Individuals who have previously won may not be nominated for the **same** award category. For a list of past winners, visit [www.alexwomen.com](http://www.alexwomen.com).
- Elected officials or candidates for office are **not** eligible.
- You may nominate a group of women for an award (defined as two or more women). Mixed gender groups are eligible only for the Youth Community Services Award for Youth. Adult men are only eligible for the Vola Lawson Award.
- Individuals may nominate themselves.

**Submission Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nominee's Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Job Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Organization/Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

You may nominate only one person/group per form. To submit another nomination for an additional person/group, please complete a new form.

Select the category you are nominating from the list on the following page.

# Award Categories

- The Susan Lowell Butler Lifetime Achievement Award** - The Commission for Women created the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. The Commission named Susan Lowell Butler the first recipient of the award, posthumously, for her dedication to women's equality and well-being. The award, now named in Susan's honor, is to be given to a woman who has exhibited a lifetime commitment to advancing opportunities and/or enhancing the quality of life for women and/or girls in the City of Alexandria.
- The Marguerite Payez Leadership Award** - In 1983, the Commission established the Marguerite Payez Leadership Award as a tribute to the memory of and to recognize the valuable work Ms. Payez contributed to the community. This award will be given to a woman who, through volunteer work, has exhibited leadership qualities and has trained other women to assume leadership roles in the community. **Nominees for this award must be City of Alexandria residents.**
- Women's Health and Safety Advocate Award** - Recognizes a woman who has made a significant contribution to the well-being of women by advocating for, teaching about or providing for women's health and safety in Alexandria. This award may be for work in areas such as breast cancer education, HIV/AIDS awareness, domestic violence, or sexual assault, among other possible areas of health and/or safety-related work.
- Youth Community Services Award (Adult)** - Recognizes an adult woman who has tapped the leadership capacities of young people in our city.
- Youth Community Services Award (Youth)** – Recognizes a young woman whose service activities provide a model for other women and/or girls in the community.
- Leadership in Business and Career Development Award** - Recognizes either a woman business owner or a woman who has excelled in her field and has contributed her time and talent by providing career education and training opportunities for women and/or girls in the City of Alexandria. This award may be given to a woman who, through her business or career, has made significant contributions in areas that directly impact the lives of women in Alexandria.
- The Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award** - Recognizes a woman who has made a significant contribution to the status of women through advocating for issues of importance to women. This award may be for work in such areas as developing improvements in services offered by government or advocating for educational issues.
- Making a Difference Award** - This award honors a woman who serves as a change agent in her community or as a role model for other women. This award may be for work in such areas as helping women understand how they may effectively organize to create positive change in their own lives and in their communities.
- The Vola Lawson Award** - This award recognizes a City employee who, like Vola Lawson, advanced, improved or otherwise contributed to the status of women in the City of Alexandria during the course of his/ her job. This award may be given to current City employees or those who have resigned or retired from City employment within the past two years.
- Donna Bergheim Cultural Affairs Award** - This award recognizes a woman for her artistic endeavors in facilitating creative expression and personal growth in women and/or girls in our community like Donna Bergheim, who passed away in 2010.
- Rising Star Award** - This award recognizes an Alexandria woman with less than a total of five years of volunteer service in Alexandria who has made significant contributions to the well-being of the women in the Alexandria community, particularly through community service or volunteer projects.

**Why have you selected this individual for this category?**

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**Briefly describe the nominee's community involvement, volunteer activities, impact on social, educational, economic and/or cultural spheres in the City of Alexandria.**

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**Describe how the nominee has made the community a better place for women and/or girls in Alexandria, including any programs, projects or other efforts that impact women and/or girls.**

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**Biography of nominee (100 words or less)**

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**(Optional) Additional comments that you deem relevant to the nominee's application, such as, but not limited to past awards, membership on boards and commissions, etc. Nominators may also provide website links to stories and materials that show how compelling the nominee's story and work is in the community.**

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**Nominator's Contact Information**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In what capacity do you know the nominee?:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I am submitting a nomination of behalf of a company or organization.

**Name of Company/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (AM):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (PM):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be filled out completely so we may contact you if a question arises.  
Thank you.