



ATHENA Recipients Announced at Annual Awards

Women's Network is pleased to announce **Teresa Maledy** of Commerce Bank, NA was presented with Columbia's 15th annual ATHENA Award and **Kelley Marchbanks** of the College of Veterinary Medicine was presented with the second ATHENA Young Professional Award at the ATHENA Awards Banquet held Thursday, June 25 at the University Club.

The event was a celebration of the past, present and future of ATHENA in Columbia and speakers included Linda Arnold, Columbia's first ATHENA recipient, Elizabeth Mendenhall, Columbia's first AYP



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recipient and Cindy Mustard, the 2008 ATHENA recipient. The highlight of the evening was the official announcement of the ATHENA and ATHENA Young Professional Award recipients.

Both Teresa and Kelley were selected by a distinguished committee comprised of past Women's Network presidents, past ATHENA recipients, and Chamber of Commerce executives

based on nomination forms submitted by their peers.

The ATHENA and AYP Award recipients must demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiation in

their business or profession, provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community and actively assist women in achieving their full leadership potential.

Please join Women's Network in congratulating Teresa Maledy and Kelley Marchbanks for receiving these prestigious awards and for their numerous accomplishments.

We would like to give a special thank-you to **Joe Machens Dealerships, Jeffrey E. Smith Company, Boone County National Bank, Work Marketing, Premier Bank, Columbia Daily Tribune, University Club, KOMU 8, MultiAd, MBS Textbook Exchange, Inc., Shelter Insurance Companies and AKA: Yola** for their sponsorships of the ATHENA Awards and the ATHENA banquet. ●

Debin Benish Outstanding Businesswoman



Kim Trabue, Dave Benish and Steve Powell present the Debin Benish Award to Rose Ditter

On June 2, 2009, Women's Network, together with Delta Systems Group and Dave Benish, awarded the 5th

Annual Debin Benish Outstanding Businesswoman Award to **Rose Ditter**, owner of KeLani Salon & Spa. Rose was honored as a businesswoman who supports small

business in Columbia, volunteers her time & talents to our community and mentors other businesswomen. Rose has volunteered for The Bank of Missouri Advisory Board of Directors, King's Daughters, the Columbia Catholic Youth Organization and the Boy & Girl Scouts for many years. KeLani Salon & Spa is also a past recipient of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Business of the Year Award.

Past recipients of the Debin Benish Outstanding Businesswoman Award:

2005: Lili Vianello, Visionworks Marketing & Communications

2006: Lynda Baumgartner, Image Technologies of Missouri

2007: Melody Parry, Outfront Communications

2008: Kim Trabue, Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc. ●

-Submitted by Anne Farrow, Smart Business Products



Melody Parry, Rose Ditter, Lili Vianello, Lynda Baumgartner and Kim Trabue with Dave Benish