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**Who Will Be Denver's Top Businesswoman of 2007?
Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce Announces 2007 ATHENA Award
Nominees**

Denver, Colorado... When Plato said "What is honored in a country will be cultivated there," he probably wasn't referring to women ascending to leadership roles in the workplace. But that's exactly what the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce (CWCC), and the ATHENA Foundation, who have adopted this quote as their slogan, will be talking about and honoring when they announce the recipient of this year's ATHENA Award at their upcoming annual meeting on February 6th.

For the past 9 years the CWCC has granted the ATHENA Award to a woman in Colorado's business community who has achieved a high degree of professional excellence and community service, and who has assisted other women in developing to their full leadership potential.

The Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce is proud to honor the 2007 ATHENA Award Nominees for their hard work and dedicated service in industry government and our community:

Donna Hultin of Denver Kids, Inc.; Rebecca Cordes of US Bank; Patricia Miller of Whiting Petroleum Company; Patricia Barela-Rivera of the Small Business Association; Linda Childears of the Daniels Fund; Julia Hubbel of the Hubbel Group; Natasha Felten of Colorado Commercial Companies; Kim Patmore of First Data; Lisa Snider of the Colorado Ballet, Lisa Buckely of American Automation Building Solutions; Jean Jones of the Girl Scouts Mile Hi Council; Debbie Trujillo of Keybank; Ivette Dominguez of Alpin Buick-Pontiac-GMC; Nacy Tuor of CH2M Hill; Donna Lyne of Kaiser Permanente Colorado; Caz Matthews of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Jill Sisson of New World Restaurant Group; Heather Shepardson of Ever-Green Seasons; Christin Crampton Day of Schenkein; Leanna Clark of Schenkein; Karea Wenzel of Rocky Mountain MS Center; Janet Savage of Davis, Graham and Stubbs; Paula Neubert of Greenwood Athletic and Tennis Club; Amy Sherman of the West Denver Chamber of Commerce; Marcia Benshoof of Pinnacol Assurance; Debbie Welle-Powell of Exempla Healthcare.

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This year's ceremony will be emceed by Gloria Neal from Sassy 107.1FM. The recipient will be chosen by a panel of judges including 2006 recipient, Olga Garcia, representatives of Chase Bank (local underwriters of the Award), and other members of the Denver business community.

If you would like to participate in this premier event, different levels of sponsorships are available. This is an exceptional way to show support for your community and its outstanding leaders. Contact Ellie Leake, Event and Marketing Coordinator for the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce (303-458-0220, ext. 31) for more information.

Since its founding in Lansing, Michigan in 1982, the ATHENA Award has been presented in hundreds of cities throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Award takes the form of a cast bronze sculpture representing the courage, strength and wisdom of the recipient.

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