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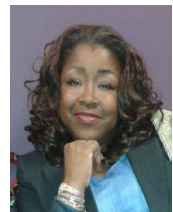
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Havig

Last year, in honor of the organization's 100th anniversary, the Tulsa chapter of the YWCA honored 100 Tulsa women, past and present, whose achievements demonstrated that indefinable quality known as "moxie."

This year, the YWCA will be honoring another group of similarly accomplished local women — although on a slightly more modest scale — at its 12th annual Wine, Women & Shoes event.



Latimer

"Our '100 Women with Moxie' centennial event reflected upon those women who — through their dedication to eliminate racism and empower women — shaped Tulsa into the city we know today," said Vanessa Finley, YWCA Tulsa's CEO.

"Our new 'Women of the Year' award enables us to look forward and recognize the women whose work today will lead to a more equitable city for all well into the future," Finley said. "Wine, Women & Shoes is the most empowering event in the city — there is no better platform from which to honor the most empowered women we know."



Harris

The 10 women chosen for the Women of the Year honors were nominated by members of the community, with the finalists chosen by a committee of YWCA board members, staff and organizers of the Wine, Women & Shoes event.

This year's honorees are:

Dr. Brenda Lloyd-Jones, associate chair and professor in the department of human relations at the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, and co-founder of The Mothers Group Inc.

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Mendoza

Christina Starzl Mendoza, an advocate for the rights of the immigrant community through her work at the Community Service Council and DREAM Act Oklahoma



Lloyd-Jones

Dr. Pauline B. Harris, human rights coordinator at Tulsa Public Schools, where she develops programs to prevent discrimination and to encourage the celebration of diversity

Alicia Latimer, coordinator for the African-American Resource Center at the Rudisill Library, which offers programs that promote social change and enhance community literacy initiatives



Cadamy

Dr. Kirsten Havig, associate professor and faculty sponsor of the Masters of Social Work Student Association at the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, helping to bring awareness, education and action to eliminate violence against women, human trafficking and racism in the community

Shelley Cadamy, executive director of Workforce Tulsa and a member of the Governor's Council on Economic Workforce Development, working to improve economic development and empower individuals



Bear

Rhonda Bear, program manager for Women in Transition, helping formerly incarcerated women turn their lives around through such efforts as her SheBrews Coffee Shop in Claremore

Sharon Bishop-Baldwin, who with her wife, Tulsa World assistant editor Mary Bishop-Baldwin, worked to establish marriage equality in Oklahoma



Bishop-Baldwin

Former Tulsa mayor **Kathy Taylor**, now CEO of Impact Tulsa, selected for her work as a public activist and advocate for women and education throughout her public and private life

Mimi Tarrasch, director of Women in Recovery, which seeks to curb the effect of the high incarceration rate of women in Oklahoma and bettering the lives of at-risk children and families in Tulsa

Although celebrating the YWCA's lofty ideals is a major part of this event, alcohol and footwear are also a part of the name, which means that Wine, Women & Shoes will be as entertaining as it is uplifting. In addition to a wine tasting of West Coast and local vintages and a light lunch, the event will feature shopping, a luxurious auction, raffle and fashion show.



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Taylor



Tarrasch

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Among the retailers scheduled to participate are Alma Bags, Artemis & Punto, Baschung Shawls, Black Optical, Diane Gawey Riley, J. Cole, Julie Bees & C. Blau, La Costa Girl, Lisa Mackey, lululemon, Moxie Shoes, Nishima, Nomad Chic, PK Collection, Posh and Via Vandl. The fashion show will feature fashions from local boutiques On a Whim, Little Black Dress, Rope and Miss Jackson's, with accessories from Black Optical.

Event details: 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Central Park Hall, Expo Square, 4145 E. 21st St.

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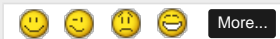
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