



Announcing the Finalists for the 2025 Inspire Awards

The Inspire Awards honor Omaha-area women in ten categories of achievement plus, Women of the Year. Winners will be announced at the luncheon Wednesday, October, 29 at Baxter Arena.

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EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS (SMALL/MEDIUM)

FINALISTS

Amanda Failla-Tjarks	<i>Albany and Avers</i>
Laura Hernandez	<i>The Carrito Snacks and Drink Carts</i>
Shannon Bingham	<i>Seven Salon</i>
Tara A. Stingley	<i>Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather</i>
Victoria Mbachu	<i>Parking Area Maintenance</i>

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VISIONARY AWARD

FINALISTS

Danelle Schlegelmilch	<i>Passport Public Relations</i>
Holly Hunt	<i>ELEVATE Construction LLC</i>
Megan Hale	<i>DreamMoney</i>
Dr. Patricia Newman	<i>RESPECT</i>
Sheila Fields	<i>Bobby Byars Foundation</i>

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EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

FINALISTS

Candias (Candi) Jones	<i>Girls Inc. of Omaha</i>
Dani Landholm	<i>City of Omaha Fire Department</i>
Jo Giles	<i>Women's Fund of Omaha</i>
Racquel Henderson	<i>City of Omaha, Mayor's Office</i>
Dr. Viv L. Ewing	<i>Life Development International Consulting</i>

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EMERGING LEADER AWARD

FINALISTS

Cleo Zagurski	<i>Nebraska Civic Engagement Table</i>
Clarice Dombeck	<i>Redress Movement Omaha</i>
Mary Foster	<i>Private Wealth Asset Management</i>
Nata Dominguez	<i>Habitat for Humanity of Omaha</i>
Sierra Roseby	<i>University of Nebraska Omaha</i>

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD

FINALISTS

Anne Carroll	<i>Habitat for Humanity of Omaha</i>
Debra Kaplan	<i>Westside Community Schools (retired)</i>
Djel (Jill) Ann Brown	<i>Retired</i>
Jodi Jefferson	<i>Busy Bee Baking Company</i>
Sandra Yeaman	<i>Gwen's Gifts</i>

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INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

FINALISTS

Aurora Quartoroli	<i>Spencer's for Steaks & Chops</i>
Isabella (Bella) McAtee	<i>Passport Public Relations</i>
Isabella Ruskamp	<i>University of Nebraska Omaha</i>
MajieAhna Winfrey	<i>Marian High School</i>
Brooklynn Freeman	<i>Step-Up/OPS Student</i>

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EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE

FINALISTS

Andrea Gonzalez Saavedra	<i>Nebraska Medicine</i>
Kaylie Verdin	<i>370 Dental Care</i>
Maureen Tierney	<i>Creighton University/CHI Health</i>
Payton Conrad	<i>Children's Nebraska</i>
Sarah Miller	<i>OneWorld Community Health Centers, Inc.</i>

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EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

FINALISTS

Deb Grafentin	<i>The Volleyball Academy and River City Juniors Club</i>
Erin Sullivan	<i>Kids Triathlon</i>
Hannah Smith	<i>North High</i>
Jennifer Schwartz	<i>NSAA - Nebraska School Activities Association</i>
Marquis Haynes	<i>The Keys Foundation</i>

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EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS (LARGE)

FINALISTS

Anayeli Martinez-Real	<i>Kiewit</i>
Denise McCauley	<i>WoodmenLife</i>
Roberta L. Christensen	<i>Koley Jessen P.C.</i>
Robin Larsen	<i>Cobalt Credit Union</i>
Steph Hand	<i>Lutz</i>

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

FINALISTS

Anne Kleinschmit	<i>Omaha Public Schools - Fontenelle Elementary School</i>
Carol Salerno	<i>Castelar Elementary School</i>
Jane Pirnat	<i>Educare of Omaha</i>
Dr. Sharon Ishii-Jordan	<i>Creighton University</i>
Ty Nared	<i>Marian High School</i>

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

FINALISTS

Djel (Jill) Ann Brown	<i>Retired</i>
Sarah Miller	<i>OneWorld Community Health Centers, Inc.</i>
Denise McCauley	<i>WoodmenLife</i>
Dr. Viv L. Ewing	<i>Life Development International Consulting</i>
Kirsten Bernthal Booth	<i>League One Volleyball (LOVB)</i>

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AWARDS LUNCHEON:

Baxter Arena
Wednesday, October 29
Doors Open - 11:00 a.m.
Event - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

TICKETS:

Tickets can be purchased at Go.Omaha.com/InspireTickets through October 15th

TABLES:

For more information about purchasing or sponsoring a table, call 402-444-1205 or email: events@owh.com

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Community Volunteer Award

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