



OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN SOMERSET COUNTY AWARD WINNERS 1994-PRESENT*

**Note: No awards in 2014*

Arts/Entertainment

- 2018 - Stephanie Moench – Bridgewater
Terry Seggio – Franklin
- 2017 - Caren Frost Olmsted – Bernards
- Carolyn Kelly – Bernards
- 2015 - Martha J. Weintraub – Hillsborough
- Florence Larkin – Green Brook
- 2012 - Debbie Kirsch – Bernardsville
- Nicole D’Angelo – Warren
- 2011 - Normarie McLean – Franklin
- 2010 - Joan Plasner – Watchung
- 2002 - Trinka Hakes Noble – Bernardsville
- 2001 - Marion Hagovsky Doerr – Bernards
- 2000 - Leslie Delgyer – North Plainfield
- 1999 - Patricia Joyce – North Plainfield
- 1998 - Ruth Wilson – Bridgewater
- 1997 - Prich Matthews – Bedminster
- 1996 - Dolores Delli Santi – Bernards High School Drama Director
- 1995 - Verdelle Freeman – Franklin
- 1994 - Jaye Barre – Trilogy Repertory Company

Athletics/Sports

- 2012 - Christine Schneider – Bridgewater
- 2011 - Jennifer Scuderi Balucha - Manville

Business/Management

- 2018 - Theresa Richardson, CPA, PSA – Green Brook
- 2017 - Ahu Yildirmaz, Ph.D. – Warren
- Margaret E. (Meg) Helms – Montgomery
- 2015 - Cynthia Polanco - Bernards
- 2013 - Carol Ann Winder – Bernardsville
- 2012 - Carleen Kelly – Bernards
- 2010 - Paulenne Kirschenbaum – Bernardsville
- 2009 - Ann Minzner Conley – Franklin
- Nandita Kamdar - Branchburg
- 2008 - Lisa S. Rothenburger – Readington – Somerset County 4-H Agent
- 2007 - Gail Rosen – Bridgewater
- 2006 - Jeanne K. Perantoni, AIA – Princeton
- 2005 - Anne Chow – Neshanic Station

- 2004 - Marie Hughes – Hillsborough
- 2003 - Patricia S. Clark – Scotch Plains – Somerset County Policy Director
- 2002 - Mary Lou DesChamps – Branchburg
- 2001 - Joanne M. Jaeger – SC Chamber
- Catherine McTernan – Bernards
- 2000 - Bonnie B. Johnson – Warren
- 1999 - Patricia P. Smith – Hillsborough
- Susan F. Lang – Bernardsville
- 1998 - Rebecca Perkins – South Warren
- 1997 - Kathleen A. Plavcan, Ph.D. – Bernards
- 1996 - Lori Whidden – AT&T Network Systems
- 1995 - Ellen Miller-Sonet – Schering Plough Health Care Products
- 1994 - Barbara C. Roos – Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

Education

- 2018 - Michelle Mele – Somerville
- 2017 - Mary Bridgeman, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP, FASCP – Hillsborough
- 2015 - Dr. Betty W. Barber - Franklin
- 2013 - Lorrie Baumann – Branchburg
- Peggy Katzenberger - Lebanon
- Viktoria Wargo - Hillsborough
- 2012 - Aida-Janet Wahba – Somerville
- 2011 - Casey Crabill, Ed.D. – Montgomery
- 2010 - Trudy Doyle – Bridgewater
- Linda Bond-Nelson – North Plainfield
- 2009 - Helen “Chickie” Haines – Hillsborough
- Karyn Malinowski, Ph.D. – Manville
- Carole Payne, R.N. – Boonton – Crim School Bridgewater/Raritan
- Elizabeth Stitley – Somerville
- 2008 - Charlotte Foster – Bernardsville
- 2007 - Susan K. De Appolonio – North Plainfield
- Dr. Arleen Urban – Somerville
- 2006 - Virginia Tobey – Watchung
- 2005 - Theresa Moroney – North Plainfield High School teacher
- Mary Sullivan – Warren
- 2004 - Carol Mauermeyer, Ed.D., CPS/CAP – Boonton – RVCC
- Mary E. McLoughlin – Branchburg
- Cheryl S. Oram – Branchburg
- Kristie Reilly, Ph.D. – Bridgewater
- 2003 - Rulene DiFrancesco – Warren
- Leslie Paige Wolfson – Bedminster
- 2002 - Dr. Marilyn E. Birnbaum – Skillman
- Leona Davidson – Franklin
- Tycene P. Hicks-Edd – Bedminster
- Maureen Hreha – Edison – RVCC
- 2001 - Jeanette Juhasz – Bridgewater
- Edwina M. Lee – Franklin
- Lucy Orfan, Ph.D. – Bernards
- Janet Luton Perantoni – Somerville

- 2000 - Deborah L. Hooker – North Plainfield
- Nancy Richmond, Ed.D. – Princeton
- Adeline Wierzbicki – Belle Mead
- 1999 - Dr. Lorraine H. Lotowycz – Bridgewater
- Carolyn F. Leary, Ed.D. – Superintendent Somerville Schools
- Patricia P. Hulsen – Bridgewater
- 1998 - Mimi McCarthy Dumville – RVCC Professor
- Carolann Garafola – Warren
- 1997 - Judith Ann Ferguson, Ed.D. – Bedminster
- 1996 - Barbara Jensen – Franklin Township Schools
- 1995 - Tulane Jackson – Franklin Township Schools
- 1994 - Mary Elizabeth O’Connor, North Plainfield Adult School

Entertainment

- 2018 - Terry Seggio – Franklin
- 2000 - RoByn Thompson – Somerville
- 1998 - Helen Frenick – Franklin
- 1997 - Sister Dolores Margaret Murray, I.H.M. – Immaculata High School, Somerville
- 1996 - Flo Powell – Franklin

Entrepreneur

- 2016 - Jacqueline Miller – North Plainfield
- 2015 - Anna Marie Racioppi - Bernardsville
- 2013 - Dawn Kettling - Bedminster
- Dianne Leoni - Hillsborough
- 2012 - Diana Kramer, Ph.D – Bernardsville
- 2011 - Barbara Long – Bernardsville
- 2010 - Anna Louise Bongiovi – Raritan
- 2009 - Lisa Kent – Hillsborough
- Katherine “Katy” Rupert – Bedminster
- 2006 - Kathy J. Moffitt – Bernards
- 2005 - Isabel Marrapodi – Watchung
- 2004 - Evelyn Pruiksma – Bernards
- 2003 - Grace Mazzocchi Turnbaugh – Bernards
- 2002 - Phyllis C. Blythe – Martinsville
- 2001 - Kathleen Feigley – Bound Brook
- 2000 - Deborah L. Roland – Basking Ridge
- 1999 - Kimberli MacConnell - Warren
- 1998 - Mary Ann Lesko – Branchburg
- 1997 - Evelyn D. Kruck, CLU, ChFC – Branchburg
- 1996 - Kathy Whalen – Bernards
- 1995 - Suzanne Schmidt – Monday Morning Inc., Bridgewater
- 1994 - Louisa E. Paziienza – Clinical Cosmetology Center for Aesthetic Rehabilitation

Environmental Initiatives

- 2018 - Kristi MacDonald, Ph.D. – Bernardsville
- 2016 - Margie Margentino - Bridgewater
- 2015 - Cindy Malinchak - Warren
- Robbie Lert - Bedminster
- 2013 - Kay Paragano – Bernardsville
- 2012 - Sherry Frawley – Bernardsville

- 2011 - Thuy Anh Le – Hillsborough
- 2010 - Constance Coriell – Bridgewater

Global Impact

- 2016 - Katie Meyler - Bernardsville

Government/Public Service

- 2017 - Carol Manuele Bianchi – Bernards
- 2015 - Shannon Marie Snook – Bridgewater – Somerset County OEM & Sheriff’s Ofc.
- 2013 - Debra S. Joren – Watchung Borough Council
 - Marguerite (Peg) Schaffer, Esq. – Bedminster – SC Democratic Chairwoman
- 2012 - Steffanie J. Gara – Raritan Borough Councilwoman
 - Kathleen O’Brien – Branchburg – Somerset County Dept. of Human Services
- 2011 - Lillian Zuza – Manville Mayor
 - Denise Hudak Carra – Raritan Borough Councilwoman
 - Carolann Garafola – Warren Township Deputy Mayor
- 2010 - Patricia Flannery – Bridgewater Mayor
- 2007 - Bonnie Kelly – Somerville – Ridge Oak Senior Housing, Bernards
 - Det. Judith Polhill – Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office
- 2006 - Sgt. Lisa A. Gilmurray – Branchburg – Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office
- 2005 - Linda S. Smith – No. Plainfield – Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office [posthumous]
- 2004 - Jo-Anne B. Schubert – South Bound Brook Mayor
- 2003 - Kathryn R. Kitchener – Green Brook Township Administrator/Clerk
 - Nancy K. Ferris – Peapack – U.S. Navy veteran and community volunteer
- 2002 - Marty J. Nadler – Readington – Somerset County Finance Office
- 2001 - Denise Coyle – Bernards – Somerset County Freeholder
- 2000 - Deborah McGowan – Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office
- 1999 - Kathryn Kinney – Bridgewater – Manville Borough Administrator/Clerk
- 1998 - Pat Walsh – Green Brook – Somerset County Freeholder
- 1997 - Marianne Mattei – Bridgewater – Somerset County Consumer Affairs Office
- 1996 - Sidna Mitchell – N.J. Council on Affordable Housing
- 1995 - Virginia Powell Diem – Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent
- 1994 - Elaine Strampp – Somerset County Adjuster

Health Services

- 2013 - Alyce Brophy, RN, BSN, MPH – Milford
 - Dorothy J. DeMaio, RN, Ed.D., FAAN – Far Hills
- 1998 - Rosalia Hamilton – Clinton
- 1997 - Eileen E. Curran, RN – Hillsborough – Somerset County Health Dept.
- 1996 - Daryl Minch – Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County

Hometown Hero

- 2018 - Rebekah Hayward – Somerville
- 2017 - Jody C. D’Agostini, CFP[®], CDFATM - Bernards
- 2016 - Joyce Walker - Bridgewater
- 2015 - Sonal Shah - Bernards
 - Courtney Newman - Hillsborough
- 2013 - Morgan Dluhy – Branchburg
 - Donna Dourney-York – Hillsborough

- 2012 - Allison Caulfield – Bridgewater
- Joanne Liscovitz – Hillsborough
- Patti Sofran-Herrling – Franklin
- 2011 - Michelle Woolf – Montgomery
- 2010 - Eileen Hannaford – Bernards
- Terry A. Thompson – Bernardsville
- 2009 - Edith Lit – Manville
- 2008 - Megan McDowell – Bernardsville
- 2007 - Renee Carr – Montgomery
- 2006 - Helen (Mei Mei) Morris – Rock Hill

Information Technology

- 2015 - Jackie P. Taylor - Hillsborough
- 2007 - June Drewry - Bernards

Journalism

- 2018 - Brenda A. Nemcek – Warren
- 2015 - Audrey Blumberg - Hillsborough
- 2010 - Jessie Havens – Montgomery
- 2009 - Alice Steinbacker – Bernardsville
- 2008 - Robin Gaby Fisher – Somerville
- 2007 - Peggy Harris – Rocky Hill
- 2006 - Kathleen Lanini – Branchburg
- 2003 - Susan Philp Bivona – Lebanon
- Susan J. Winter – Branchburg
- 2001 - Cathy Bugman – Warren
- 1998 - June O. Kennedy – Bernards
- 1997 - Melanie J. Davis – Somerville
- 1996 - Lorie Russo – Forbes Newspapers
- 1995 - Carol Hunter – The Courier News
- 1994 - Regina DePeri Whitmer – The Courier News

Law

- 2016 - Paulette Brown, Esq. - Hillsborough
- 2013 - Annmarie Simeone, Esq. – Woodbridge
- 2012 - Susan R. Rubright, Esq. – Gladstone
- 2011 - Katherine Esposito Howes – Peapack-Gladstone
- 2010 - Susan Sturges Spagnola – Hillsborough
- 2008 - Jeralyn L. Lawrence, Esq. - Watchung
- 2007 - Christina Woodward Strong, Esq. – Montgomery
- 2006 - Bonnie Conover Frost, Esq. – Bernardsville
- 2005 - Laurie A. Head-Melillo – Franklin
- 2004 - Hilary L. Kelly, Esq. – Mendham – National Starch
- 2003 - Officer Marjorie A. Cooper – Bedminster
- 2002 - Mary Ann Tracchio – Branchburg
- 2001 - Robin L. Yerich – Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office
- Amy Zylman Shimalla – Franklin
- 2000 - Kathleen P. Holly – Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office
- Pamela M. Copeland – Warren

- 1999 - Kristina P. Hadinger – Montgomery
- Sue Pai Yang - Bridgewater
- 1998 - Libby J. West – Bedminster
- 1997 - Kathleen Lawler, Esq. – Bernards
- 1996 - Kate Ciravolo, Esq. – Warren
- 1995 - Laurie Rush-Masuret, Esq.
- 1994 - Helen E. Hoens, Esq. – Superior Court Judge Nominee
- Det. Sgt. Rosanne Manghisi – New Jersey State Police Drug Program Supervisor

Management

- 1998 - Barbara J. Neill – Gladstone
- 1997 - Jeanne Giordano – Bedminster
- 1996 - Suzanne Williamson – Monday Morning Inc., North Plainfield

Media

- 2012 - Bernice B. Wicks – Bernards
- 1998 - Sherry Sylvester – Somerville
- 1997 - Jessie Havens – Montgomery

Medicine/Health Services

- 2018 - Tasneem F. Shamim, M.D. – Franklin
- 2017 - Sally Steele Hoben, RN-BSN – Bound Brook
- 2016 - Dr. Laurene Wolf - Hillsborough
- 2015 - Michele Samarya-Timm - Franklin
- 2013 - Vedrana Ivana Gjivoje, DVM – Bernardsville
- Alieta R. Eck, M.D. – Franklin
- 2012 - Andrea Gaito, M.D. – Bernards
- Barbara Ronca, Ph.D.-LCSW - Bridgewater
- 2011 - Kate Lincoln – Bernardsville
- 2010 - Lisa Jordan-Scalia, D.O. – Bernardsville
- 2009 - Barbara Tofani – Hillsborough
- 2007 - Patricia N. Whitley-Williams, M.D. – Bridgewater
- 2006 - Jacquelyn Kopet-Feller – Bernards
- 2005 - Patricia Repetz-Quinn – Neshanic Station
- 2004 - Anita Ciano, R.N. – Hillsborough
- Terri Goss Kinzy – Bridgewater
- Angela Lanfranchi, MD, FACS – Bound Brook
- 2003 - Randi R. Protter, MD – Princeton
- Nancy Moore Caira – North Plainfield
- 2002 - Kathryn W. Coyne – Bernardsville
- 2001 - Lucy A. Forgione – Bernards
- Lorraine m. Sciara – Bernardsville
- 2000 - Denise I. Campagnolo, MD – Watchung
- 1999 - Donnica L. Moore, MD - Branchburg
- 1998 - Beverly Y. Murdock – Franklin
- 1997 - Evelyn Savage, RN, MA, CNA – Livingston
- 1996 - Pauline Kelsey, Ph.D. – Somerset Medical Center Trauma Disorder Program
- 1995 - Cynthia Wynant – Adult Day Center of Somerset County
- 1994 - Mary Ann K. Becker, RN – Bernardsville First Aid Squad

Public Service

- 2015 - Regina Tegeler - Bridgewater
- 2013 - Judith A. Sullivan – Bedminster
- 2012 - Suzann B. Goldstein - Warren
- 2011 - Pat Reilly – Franklin
- 2010 - Barbara A. Lucas – Branchburg
 - Karen Brodsky – Bedminster
 - Sharon Brienza – Bound Brook
- 2009 - Pamela Ely – Bridgewater
- 2008 - Gloria McCauley – Hillsborough
- 2005 - Susan Schlow – State Dept of Health & Senior Services
- 2004 - Marie Flynn – Bernardsville
 - Yvonne C. Manfra – Somerset County Transportation
- 2001 - Bonnie Christine Sovinee – Franklin
 - Kay W. Hurd, RN,MSN,CNP – Warren
- 2000 - Linny Armstrong – Manville
- 1999 - Willa Rollins - Manville
- 1998 - Linda Pocock – Bernards
- 1997 - Margaret Maccini – Hillsborough – Somerset County Clerk of the Board (ret'd)

Research/Management

- 2011 - Patricia E. Cataruozolo, Ph.D., R.N., FN-CSA – Warren

Social Services

- 2018 - Fae Cushing – Bridgewater
- 2016 - Lois Bennett - Hillsborough
- 2015 - Joanne Polito - Franklin
- 2013 - Nicole DeSario – Montgomery
- 2012 - Katie Meyler – Bernardsville
- 2011 - Sarah Murchison – Franklin
- 2010 - Rachel Baker-Baker-Blackwell – Franklin
 - Judy Ronzo – Branchburg
- 2009 - Barbara Schlichting – Stockton – Somerset Treatment Services
- 2008 - Sharon Lutz-Hornaday, MSW,LSW,CPS – Bernardsville
- 2007 - Diane Handwerk – Hillsborough
- 2006 - Joanne Hala – Hillsborough
- 2005 - Jeanne Guarnieri – Bridgewater
- 2004 - Eunice Jadlocki – Hillsborough
 - Faith Rice – Califon
 - Taruna “Terry” Tehsildar, MSW,LCSW – Hillsborough
- 2003 - Jackie Wendel Wiegand – Bridgewater
- 2002 - Linda Porcaro – Neshanic Station
- 2000 - Nancie A. Balun-Boughton – Basking Ridge
- 1999 - Carolann Auger - Bedminster
- 1998 - Marilyn A. Siegel – Upper Black Eddy
- 1997 - Kathy Rue, CSW – Branchburg
- 1996 - Marie Scannell – Food Bank Network of Somerset County
 - Mary Lou Casavant – American Red Cross, Somerset County Chapter
- 1995 - Shuey Horowitz – Somerset Count HomeSharing Program
- 1994 - Dorothy L. Zufall – Somerset Medical Center, Community Education

Sports

- 2016 - Hillarie Scannelli – Hillsborough
- 2015 - Stephanie Johnson – Somerville

Volunteerism

- 2018 - Nancy LaCorte – Franklin
- 2017 - Sue Ferranti – Branchburg
 - Kathleen I. (Kippy) Piedici – Bernards
- 2016 - Donna Emanuelli – Bridgewater
- 2015 - Laurie Richmond – Bridgewater
 - Lisa Frey - Franklin
- 2013 - Nancy Buck Pyne – Peapack-Gladstone
 - Jane R. Fidacaro – Raritan
 - Bev Glockler – Montgomery
- 2012 - Barbara Marchio – Gladstone
 - Nancy Yuzuik – Bridgewater
- 2011 - Christine A. Retz – Franklin
- 2010 - Jeannette Brown – Hillsborough
 - Elizabeth Baldwin – Hillsborough
- 2009 - Nicolette Ash – Bridgewater
 - Tina Rear – Hillsborough
- 2008 - Luz Patricia Gillette – Hillsborough
 - Veronica Finlay – Bridgewater
- 2007 - Fran Maher – Warren
- 2006 - Yong Sim Kim –Deacon Praise Korean Presbyterian Church Franklin
 - Jessica Marusiak – Bridgewater
- 2005 - Dorothy Cease – Somerville
 - Randy Davis - Branchburg
- 2004 - Jeanne C Decker – Bridgewater
 - Christine McMahan – Franklin
- 2003 - Karen Fritz – Bound Brook
 - Joy Mathiowdis – Bridgewater
- 2002 - LaVerne Deik Hebert – Rocky Hill Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1
 - Maribeth Southworth Huff – Bernardsville
 - Julie Ann Juliano, MD – Neshanic Station
- 2001 - Edith Cavaluzzo, RN – Bernardsville
 - Barbara J. Nicol – Somerset County Housing Association
 - Dottie Saling – Bridgewater
 - Gwendoline M. Walding – Bernardsville
- 2000 - Beverlee Deardorff – Pluckemin
 - Peggy Jaegley – Neshanic
 - Dutzie L. Robbie – Bedminster
- 1999 - Joan M. Gleason – Bound Brook
 - Frances Varga – Franklin
 - Paula C. Windus - Somerville
- 1998 - Dolores Durso – Bernards
- 1997 - Patricia Murphy Rae – Bernards
- 1996 - Linda Giordano – Somerset Valley Playhouse
- 1995 - Merrie Snow – Literacy Volunteers of America, Somerset County Chapter
 - Deb Imperatore – Paige Whitney Baby Center

Volunteer, High School Level

2015 - Giana Giorello – Branchburg

Shirley Noble Award

2016 - Debbie Sestokas – Warren
- Peggy Matzen – Basking Ridge
2015 - Estelle Julian – Hillsborough
2011 - Charlotte Frances Fischer – Bernardsville
2009 - Doris Zampella – Green Brook
2007 - Constance Fenner – Warren
2006 - Valerie Smith – Montgomery

Rita Martin Award

2003 - Noelle Holmes - Bridgewater

Distinguished Honoree

2009 - Jo-Ann Liptak – Raritan Borough Mayor
2005 - Diane Mihalow, DMD, MS – Basking Ridge
2004 - Agnes “Granny” Zhelesnik – Watchung
2003 - Pam Koch – Bernards
2002 - Jean Finlayson – Bound Brook
2001 - Joetta Clark Diggs – Hillsborough
2000 - Rose C. McConnell – North Plainfield
1997 - Chief Linda Vestal – Franklin – Somerset County Sheriff’s Office

Special Recognition

2005 - Eva M. Nagy – Franklin
2004 - Judith C. McAlpin – Far Hills
- M. Karen Thompson, Esq. – Warren
2002 - Deborah S. Alexander, Ed.D. – Superintendent Bound Brook Schools
- Kathleen Maleski, Ed.M. – Bridgewater
2001 - Lynn Rae Fazen – Bound Brook
- Pamela F. Craven – Bernards
- Nina Vitale – Peapack-Gladstone
2000 - Inez Caon – Branchburg
- Melissa M. Olszyk – Branchburg
- Jane Wilkie – Branchburg
1999 - Mary E. Hamilton – Peapack & Gladstone
- Lorraine Marks - Warren
1998 - Mary Baxter – Somerville
1997 - Regina Desvernine – Warren
1996 - Caroline Hebard – U.S. Disaster Team Canine Unit
1995 - Anita Albers – The Albrook School
1994 - Evelyn S. Field, Raritan Valley Community College, Founding Trustee