

Athena Awards honour women in business

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The Business and Professional Women's Club Saskatoon Inc. has announced the nominees for the 2009 Athena Awards.

This year a new category for emerging leaders aged 35 and under has been added to the program.

The program, founded in the United States in 1982, was adopted in Saskatoon in 2001. The awards recognize women for professional excellence, providing service to their communities and helping other women achieve their goals.

The awards will be presented March 3 as part of an International Women's Day banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn. The guest speaker is Patricia Lovett-Reid, senior vice-president of TD Waterhouse Canada Inc.

Young Professional Award nominees:

Carla Odnokon, co-owner of Odnokon Consulting.

Nicole White, executive co-ordinator of AIDS Saskatoon.

Lorraine Forster, Prairie's Edge Development Corporation of Humboldt.

Merin Coutts, regional manager for Shaw Communications.

Andrea Hansen, partner in Wieggers Benefits.

Dawn Wotherspoon, owner of ClubMynx Fitness Inc.

Athena nominees:

Marla Morrison, marketing manager for food and event services at Innovation Place.

Lenore Swystun, former city councillor and founder/partner in Prairie Wild Consulting Co., established in 1995.

Silvia Martini, vice-president of marketing for Tourism Saskatoon.

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