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Pittsburgh 2013 ATHENA and ATHENA Young Professional Award Finalists Announced

Recipients to be honored at luncheon on Monday, September 30

(PITTSBURGH – July 31, 2013) The results are in: five of the Pittsburgh region's women leaders have been named finalists for the 2013 Greater Pittsburgh ATHENA Awards. They will be recognized for their professional excellence, contributions to the community and mentorship of other women at the ATHENA Awards Program Luncheon, presented by the Allegheny Conference on Community Development on Monday, September 30 at the Westin Convention Center Hotel. At the event, one finalist will become the 2013 ATHENA Award recipient.

The 2013 ATHENA finalists, selected among 39 impressive nominees, compose a varied and distinguished group – each woman using her leadership to create professional excellence and positive regional impact. The finalists are:

- Lenore Blum, distinguished career professor of computer science, Carnegie Mellon University
- Theresa Bone, vice president & corporate controller, EQT Corporation
- Maurita Bryant, assistant chief, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police
- Laura Ellsworth, partner-in-charge, Jones Day, Pittsburgh Office
- Titina Ott, vice president worldwide alliance & channels, Oracle Corporation

The ATHENA Young Professional Award (AYPA) will also be presented to a woman age 35 or younger who exemplifies the qualities of ATHENA with an emphasis on being a role model. This is the third and most robust year, with 29 nominees. The 2013 AYPA finalists are:

- Marisa Bartley, business development officer, AVP, Citizens Bank
- Erin Isler, director, loan syndications, PNC Capital Markets LLC
- Amiena Mahsoob, deputy director of education programs, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh

Last year's luncheon drew nearly 900 attendees, continuing the Greater Pittsburgh ATHENA Awards Luncheon's role as one of the largest stand-alone events of its kind among the 500-plus ATHENA events presented by women in communities across the globe each year.

Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased online at ATHENA-Pittsburgh.com.

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