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### ***Rochester Business Journal Announces 2021 Women of Excellence Honorees***

**Rochester, N.Y., April 8, 2021** — *Rochester Business Journal* has selected Jennifer Rodriguez, Livingston County's Public Health Director, as a Women of Excellence honoree.

Established in 2018, the Women of Excellence awards recognize high-achieving women for their professional experience, community involvement, leadership and sustained commitment to mentoring. Forty winners were selected by a panel of judges comprised of previous Women of Excellence and Circle of Excellence honorees.

In addition, 10 women will be inducted into the Circle of Excellence. The Circle of Excellence recognizes women of longstanding, notable success in the community who are leading the way for other women. These honorees were selected by *Rochester Business Journal* editors from among previous Women of Excellence winners.

"The 2021 Women of Excellence honorees are blazing trails professionally and personally. Their leadership, accomplishments and commitment to mentoring are extraordinary," said Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, group publisher of the *Rochester Business Journal*. "These high-achieving women are breaking barriers and lifting up the Greater Rochester community. We at the *Rochester Business Journal* are pleased to honor them."

The Women of Excellence awards will be presented at an online celebration at 5:30 p.m. May 25. Each of the winners will be celebrated for their achievements through video storytelling. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in the program with their congratulations and cheers using social media platforms from their homes or offices. For tickets, visit <https://rbj.net/events/women-of-excellence/>. The event hashtag is #RBEvents.

Winners will be profiled in a special magazine that will be inserted into the May 28 issue of *Rochester Business Journal* and will be available online at [rbj.net](http://rbj.net).

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For information about sponsorships and tickets for the *Rochester Business Journal's* Women of Excellence awards, visit [www.rbj.net](http://www.rbj.net) or email Suzanne Fischer-Huettner at [shuettner@bridgetowermedia.com](mailto:shuettner@bridgetowermedia.com).

### ***About the Rochester Business Journal***

For 34 years, the *Rochester Business Journal* has served as the leading source of business news and information in Rochester, N.Y. In addition to its website, [rbj.net](http://rbj.net), and weekly print publication, the *Rochester Business Journal* publishes more than 25 special products a year including *Book of Lists*, *Explore Greater Rochester*, *RBJ 75* and *Schools Report Card*. The *Rochester Business Journal* also honors leading Rochesterians through 11 annual awards events including Forty Under 40, Icon Honors, Women of Excellence and Reader Rankings. Its Digital Marketing Solutions helps customers with social media, search engine marketing and optimization, retargeting, email marketing and more. *Rochester Business Journal* is part of BridgeTower Media, one of the country's leading business-to-business media companies with more than 40 print and digital publications in more than 25 U.S. markets.

## **2021 Circle of Excellence Honorees**

Mary Walsh Boatfield, Ability Partners  
Marisa Geitner, Heritage Christian Services  
Melissa Geska, US Ceiling Corp.  
Cindy Langston, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield  
Colleen Matteson, Bank of America  
Diane Cooney Miner, St. John Fisher College  
Lesli Myers-Small, Rochester City School District  
Deana Porterfield, Roberts Wesleyan College  
Karen Zandi, Mary Cariola Center  
Heidi Zimmer-Meyer, Rochester Downtown Development Center

## **2021 Women of Excellence Honorees**

Anne Babcock-Stiner, PathStone Corporation  
Yolanda Benitez, Wegmans Food Markets  
Jennyrae Brongo, Homesteads for Hope, Inc.  
Myra Brown, Spiritus Christi Church  
Lisa Butt, Society for the Protection and Care of Children (SPCC)  
Laura M. Cooney, Bergmann  
Providence Crowder, Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
Terri Cubiotti, Mason Marketing, LLC  
Annika D'Andrea, Tender Loving Family Care, Inc  
Nadine General, Dixon Schwabl

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Tracie Glazer, Hillel Community Day School  
Edith Grannum, Family Medicine Practice of Edith Grannum MD  
Christina Gullo, Villa of Hope  
Erica Harper, Harper Danesh LLC  
Lisa Harris, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield  
Kimberly Jones, Butler/Till  
Diana Kurty, Wayside Technology Group  
Lorisa LaRocca, Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP  
Cait Loury, Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts  
Kimberly McKinsey-Mabry, Monroe Community College  
Linda Moroney, Low to the Ground Productions  
Carolyn G. Nussbaum, Nixon Peabody LLP  
Tina Paradiso, Ampie Enterprises Inc dba Imprintable Solutions Ink  
Lindsay Prichard-Fox, Tiver Built LLC  
Laura Purcell, Harris Beach PLLC  
Sujatha Ramanujan, Luminare Accelerator  
Jennifer Rodriguez, Livingston County  
Natalie Rogers-Cropper, Garth Fagan Dance  
Jennifer Schwartzott, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC  
Carrie Starr, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College  
Kaye Stone-Gansz, LaGasse Machine & Fabrication and Stone Goose Enterprises  
Cicely Strickland-Ruiz, United Way of Greater Rochester  
Julia Tedesco, Foodlink  
Elizabeth Thorley, Thorley Wealth Management  
Michelle Trott, CPL  
Ellen Wayne, Wayne County Department of Social Services  
Karen Webber, Webber CPA, PLLC  
Stephanie Wells, Person Centered Services  
Anne Wilder, Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI)  
Maureen Wolfe, ESL Federal Credit Union

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