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**Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) Presents the Women Who Count Conference**

Women Who Count Awards Celebrate Excellence in Accounting and Finance in October 2024 Grand Ocean Terrace, Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa. Each year the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance proudly recognizes outstanding women who exemplify these values in career and life, setting a positive example for other women in the industry. Our long time AFWA friends and hosts for the event, Greg Kyte from Oh My Fraud Podcast and Olivia Brinker from Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.

Signature Event Sponsors, Botkeeper, Armanino was the Cocktail Reception Sponsor and Inner PC Computers was the After Party Sponsor. The Women Who Count Awards Sponsor was Robert Half.

The Signature Event Chairs, Heather Sperduto and Kathryn Schrader. Conference Chairs, Sharrin Fuller and Kelsey Rosback, and Programming Chair, Laura Mangan. Announcing a new chapter this year, presented the Charter to the Central Florida Chapter.

AFWA has been around for 86 years, and our organization could not survive without our Chapters. They are truly the heart of our organization.

**Chapter Achievement Categories:**

- Membership Award Recipient: Tulsa Chapter
- Communications Award Recipient: Chicago Chapter
- Programming Award Recipient: Denver Chapter
- Scholarship Award Recipient: Central New York Chapter
- Public Service Award Recipient: Chattanooga Chapter

Thank you to all the Chapters who participated in this year's Chapter Achievement Awards. It was inspiring to hear about the incredible work you are doing. Each year we recognize our chapters that have reached a milestone year since their inception.

**Milestone Years:**

- 45 Years: Central Arkansas Chapter
- 50 Years: Knoxville Chapter
- 70 Years: Milwaukee Chapter, Tulsa Chapter
- 75 Years: San Diego Chapter
- 80 Years: Atlanta Chapter
- 85 Years: Philadelphia Chapter, Spokane Chapter

**25 Year Pins:**

- Patti Mann, Roberta Motter, Gloria Steinmetz

**Betsy Scott Circle Presentation:**

Our Foundation is the heart of AFWA, and without our generous donations, we could not award the scholarships each year that we provide to help ensure students' success. We recently set up our Betsy Scott Circle in honor of our esteemed member who gave so generously to our Foundation. It is our distinct pleasure to have a special guest joining us tonight – our very own Betsy Scott.

It is with immense pride that I recognize Laura Mangan for her steadfast commitment to AFWA. President's Award. Your contributions, both seen and unseen, have had a profound and lasting impact on AFWA, and we are beyond grateful.

**Women Who Count Awards:****Emerging Leader:**

- Madeline Trimble from the Illinois State University Chapter

**Excellent Student:**

- Aava Farokhian from the Illinois State University Chapter

**Public Practice Award:**

- Katherine Zheng from the Virtual Chapter and with CBIZ

**Small Business Award:**

- Felice Zalk from the Virtual Chapter

**Academic Award:**

- Lillian Grose from the New Orleans Chapter

**Leadership Award:**

- Wendi Christian from the Virtual Chapter

**Industry Professional Award:**

- Kelsey Rosback from the Philadelphia Chapter

Warm regards,

AFWA Team

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*About AFWA:* The Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) is a national organization dedicated to advancing the success of women in accounting and finance. With a rich history spanning over 80 years, AFWA provides professional development, networking, and leadership opportunities for its members

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