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**WOMEN
of IMPACT**

Saturday, March 16, 2024
12:00-2:00 PM

La Jolla Recreation Center
615 Prospect Street
San Diego, CA 92037



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CARYN BLANTON

Woman of the Year

Caryn Blanton is the co-chair of the board of directors and acting executive director for Shoreline Community Services, a nonprofit focused on eliminating homelessness in San Diego's central beach area. Blanton founded The Compass Station in Pacific Beach, a resource hub part of Shoreline Community Services that focuses on connecting San Diego's unhoused population to services and resources that will get them off the street.



Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining me at this year's Women of Impact awards ceremony. Today, we recognize women in our community who have exemplified leadership and dedicated their lives to improving the 77th Assembly District.

Women's History Month is a time to honor the contributions women of all ages have brought to our society, and today's event is no different. These women were nominated by community members and those they have inspired.

To the women we honor, thank you for making our community and this world a better place. You all deserve this recognition.

Sincerely,



BELLA VILLARIN

Young Leader

Bella Villarin has served as the Days for Girls Club President at Coronado High School for the last two years. Under her leadership, the organization has produced over 800 washable and reusable menstrual health products for women in Mexico, Nepal, and Kenya. In her spare time, she volunteers with Pro Kids First Tee of San Diego to mentor underserved youth in golf. She also enjoys volunteering for meal packaging events to feed those in need.

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PROGRAM

12:00 PM - Lunch

12:50 PM - Woman of Impact Awards Begins

1:00 PM - Welcome by Assemblymember Tasha Boerner

1:10 PM - Ocean Beach Women's Club Presentation & Awards

- Education
- Advocacy & Activism
- Arts & Culture
- Community Service
- Health & Human Services
- Military Community
- STEM
- Civic Engagement
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Young Leader
- Woman of the Year

1:40 PM - Closing by Assemblymember Tasha Boerner

LISANE BASQUIAT

Business & Entrepreneurship

Lisane Basquiat is a multi-faceted entrepreneur and advocate for personal empowerment. She is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Shaping Freedom, a personal growth company that trains individuals to gain empowerment through internal congruence and spiritual alignment. Basquiat owns Hera Hub Carlsbad, a female-focused, inclusive co-working space, entrepreneurial community, and business accelerator. She also serves as the co-administrator of the Jean-Michel Basquiat Estate, honoring her brother's legacy and making his art accessible to the world.



OCEAN BEACH

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Ocean Beach Woman's Club was established in 1924 and is one of the oldest civic and philanthropic groups in San Diego. Their purpose is to give members a place to create social connections, support their neighborhood, and empower others to be change-makers and leaders. Their work has been monumental in facilitating the installation of sewers and streets throughout Ocean Beach and securing lifeguards for their beaches. Ocean Beach Woman's Club is celebrating 100 years of service this year.



ANDREA SCHLAGETER

Civic Engagement

Andrea Schlageter is the Chair of the Ocean Beach Planning Board, Secretary of the Point Loma Association, and the leader of the Community Planners Committee (CPC), a group that represents San Diego's forty-eight neighborhood planning groups at City Hall. She is the youngest person ever to lead the CPC.



GABY B. LOVE

Education

Gaby B. Love is a first-generation Mexican-American and daughter of migrant farmworkers. She is a long-time resident of North County and is the Outreach Specialist in School Relations & Diversity at MiraCosta College. After hours, Love devotes her time to her community, frequently volunteering with various organizations and advocating for her students.



DR. DANIELLE HAULSEE

STEM

Dr. Danielle Haulsee is the Chief Science Officer at Hubbs-Seaworld Research Institute (HSWRI), specializing in fisheries, oceanography, and marine mammal ecology. She received her Ph.D. in 2017 from the University of Delaware's College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment. Currently, she oversees the science program at HSWRI. She is a member of the American Fisheries Society and The Oceanography Society and a contributing member of the Diversifying and Integrating Marine Education at Stations (DIMES) and Ecosystem Services Observation Network. She mentors and promotes STEM education to underrepresented groups in her spare time through organizations like the Society for Women in Marine Science, the Gill's Club, the Skype-a-Scientist program, and the University of Delaware's Mentor Collective Program.



DANA BRISTOL-SMITH

Advocacy & Activism

Dana Bristol-Smith is the Founder of the Leap to Success Women's Leadership program, a project aimed at empowering domestic violence survivors. She has made it her mission to expand the program for women across the country who are overcoming adversity. Her commitment to empowering women has earned her prestigious accolades, including the Woman of Dedication award from the Soroptimist International Oceanside Carlsbad Club and the Women in Leadership award from the East County Chamber of Commerce.



STAFF SERGEANT DEBORA RODRIGUEZ

Military Community

Deborah Rodriguez is a Staff Sergeant in the Marine Corps and has dedicated her life to community service for the last 13 years. She has devoted her time to volunteering for various causes. Her most notable contributions include the Honor Guard Detail, volunteering at the Tri-City Medical Center Intensive Care Unit, and volunteering as an Administrative Director for the Devil Pups Program. She has dedicated time to help feed the unhoused and support various organizations.



PATRICIA FRISCHER

Arts & Culture

Patricia Frischer has selflessly devoted herself to the San Diego arts community. She is the Founder and Coordinator of the San Diego Visual Arts Network, a nonprofit dedicated to funding the San Diego Art Prize. She played a crucial role in re-establishing the San Diego County Arts & Culture Commission and serves as the board chair of the North County Arts Network. She is also an advisor to the Encinitas Friends of the Arts, San Diego Arts Community, ArtsBusXpress, and Synergy Arts Foundation.



DR. AYANA BOYD KING

Health & Human Services

Dr. Ayana Boyd King is the youngest Chief of Staff of Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. During the pandemic, Dr. Boyd King was a clinician in the Intensive Care Unit and saved countless lives. Last year, she was suddenly paralyzed after contracting a viral infection. Since then, Dr. Boyd King has regained her strength and embarked on a health and wellness journey.



DENISE FRIEDMAN

Community Service & Volunteerism

Denise Friedman is from Pacific Beach and has served nearly ten years as a volunteer and director for the Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC). She is the committee chair for the PBTC Annual Police & Emergency Services Appreciation Night (PAESAN) Community Barbecue, an event that honors first responders. Friedman serves on the San Diego Police Foundation, is a member of the executive committee for Women in Blue, and is a proud member of San Diego Nice Guys, an organization that helps local families. She is also a PBTC liaison to the Mission Bay Parks Committee and has advocated for the preservation and enhancement of our parks.