



2014 Business Woman of the Year Finalists



Kate Hanley
Tempe Community
Council



Nancy Kinnard
National Bank
of Arizona



**Dr. Christine K.
Wilkinson**
Arizona State University

Join us as we honor the recipient and finalists at the
19th Annual Women in Business Conference May 21!
See below for event details, and [click here](#) to learn about these amazing women.



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Are you 'IN'?

How would you like to help to improve Tempe's educational climate while developing your future employees? We're offering the chance at some unique

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and rewarding ways for your company to team up with schools and students through our Business & Education Partnerships program with the Tempe Union High School District, "I'm IN." You'll be able to secure interns, offer tours and shadowing experiences at your business and give your employees the chance to share their knowledge and create awareness of and respect for your company.

Help us build relationships between businesses and schools to enhance the quality of education in the district and prepare students for the workforce. To learn how you can benefit from these valuable programs, visit <http://tempechamber.org/business-and-education-partnership/>.

Be featured on our blog!

As a free benefit to our members, we want to feature your company in a Business Spotlight feature. This is a way for you to tell the community your story, who you are and what you do. There's no cost involved. It's just another advantage of your membership in the Tempe Chamber. Learn how you can be featured [here](#).

Chamber Updates

Olympic Gold Medalist Amanda Borden to speak at Women in Business Conference

The Tempe Chamber is proud to present the Women in Business Conference on May 21 at the PERA Club in Tempe.



Three speakers will deliver inspirational messages that motivate the audience to strive for fulfillment, happiness and success. Our "Reach" keynote speaker is Dr. Jacquie Leone who will talk about how to stay healthy and energized in your personal life and career.

The "Achieve" keynote speaker is Amanda Borden, Captain of the 1996 Gold Medal U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Team. Amanda went on to graduate summa cum laude from ASU with a degree in elementary education. As the owner of Gold Medal Gymnastics Academy, she has combined her educational training with her athletic expertise and continues to serve as a gymnastics and cheerleading commentator for CBS Sports, Fox Sports, ESPN and NBC.

The "Celebrate" luncheon keynote speaker is Dr. Mitzi Montoya, Vice President and University Dean for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at Arizona State University. She is also Chair of the Board of Directors for the Center for Entrepreneurship in the W.P. Carey School of Business.

For details and to sign up, [click here](#).

Renewals and new members

Check out our newest members and see what members have renewed their membership with the Tempe

appear here!

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A great vision for Tempe's future

*By Mary Ann Miller,
President/CEO, Tempe Chamber
of Commerce*

It starts when you're just a kid:
"What do you want to be when you
grow up?"

And before you know it:

"What are you going to major in?"

"Where do you want to work?"

"What do you want to do next?"

"When do you want to retire?"

At each step of the way, our answers - our visions for our future - affect the next steps we take...You plan your life around the answers to these questions, and as you age, you often discover other talents and other interests. Outside forces impact your planning, sometimes for good and sometimes not.

A community goes through just the same process. It creates a General Plan, which is a vision for its future about 20 years out.

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Community News

Get connected with Super Bowl XLIX

We've partnered with the Super Bowl to bring our members the Super Bowl XLIX Business Connect program. We're pleased to be able to help our members take advantage of the economic opportunities that the big game brings with it. The program will inform and engage local small businesses in procurement opportunities associated with Super Bowl XLIX. Learn more at www.azsuperbowl.com/businessconnect.

News You Can Use

Is your business prepared for the sales tax reduction?

The City of Tempe reminds local businesses to re-program their computer equipment to reflect a lower city sales tax rate of 1.8 percent beginning July 1. The upcoming 2014-15 fiscal year starts July 1 and marks the end of the additional sales tax approved by voters and promised by the City Council to expire in 2014.

Tempe voters passed Proposition 401 during the May 18, 2010, General Election, allowing for a four-year, two-tenths of a cent sales tax increase that enabled the city to preserve essential services such as public safety and recreation programs. Effective July 1, 2010, the city portion of sales tax went from 1.8 percent to 2 percent. On July 1, the rate will go back to 1.8 percent.

Learn more at www.tempe.gov.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

The ASU Alumni Association is celebrating 25 years of the ASU collegiate Sparky license plate program with the installation of an exhibit at the Tempe History Museum. Sparky license plate sales began in 1989 and have since served as the main funding source for Medallion Scholars. Medallion Scholars receive four-year, renewable scholarships of \$3,000 annually. In return they participate in a mentorship program, contribute volunteer hours to the Alumni Association, maintain a satisfactory grade point average and remain in good standing as an ASU undergraduate. For more information, visit <https://alumni.asu.edu/services/sparky-plates>.

Lisa J. Pino recently stepped down as president and CEO of United Food Bank. Ginny Hildebrand has been named interim president and CEO. Hildebrand has spent the majority of her career in creating cooperative, collaborative efforts to feed hungry people, most recently as president and CEO of the Association of Arizona Food Banks. She is also active in the community through her church and other advisory roles to elected officials and food bank executives regarding hunger and poverty issues. For more information, visit www.unitedfoodbank.org.

The Board of Directors of Tempe Community Action

Tempe Chamber staff in shirts provided by Remember the Name Promotions & Apparel

No, we're not Barbie dolls, but we are willing to let you dress us up. We've recently started a Technology Fundraiser to help offset the cost of new computers and operating systems. Let us be your walking billboards! [Find out how it works here.](#)



Ribbon cuttings



DSW



First Community Mortgage



Lost Our Home

Agency (TCAA) has named William (Bill) Epps the new executive director of the agency. TCAA has been the community's primary social service organization since 1966, serving elderly and low-income community members. Bill is an accomplished nonprofit leader with a passion for the homeless and other underprivileged individuals. He appreciates the mission of TCAA and its plans to expand its reach to address more needs in the community. Learn more at www.tempeaction.org.

[Click here to view the Tempe Chamber's Board of Directors](#)

Share your news with us!

Did your company appear in the news? Do you have new employees you would like to introduce? Have you won an award? To be featured in our member spotlights section, please send your 50-word submission to sachiyo@tempechamber.org. All submissions are subject to editing to meet guidelines and formatting requirements. Submit your news by 10 a.m. on the Thursday of the week prior to the week in which you want your announcement to appear.

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