

Career Mastered® National Women's History Leadership Honorees Class of 2026 Announced

*Career Mastered® Honors Women
Driving Leadership, Impact, and Legacy*

DETROIT, MI, UNITED STATES, February 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Linwick & Associates proudly announces the distinguished honorees of the [Career Mastered®](#) National Women's History Leadership Class of 2026, recognizing women who have made a compelling mark in business and leadership. Representing diverse industries and disciplines, these leaders are mastering their careers while intentionally creating lasting impact. Collectively, they embody excellence, resilience, and vision—serving as powerful examples of what is possible for women across the global marketplace.



Career Mastered Women's Leadership and Allies Summit & Awards

The Career Mastered® Awards were founded by Linwick & Associates in 2014. They celebrate women shaping business and leadership, and they are made possible through the valued partnership and support of Fifth Third Bank, Ally Financial, Lowe's, Stellantis, Corewell Health, ITC Holdings Corp, Macy's, Coca-Cola Consolidated and Primax Properties. Their commitment to advancing women's leadership and professional excellence strengthens our mission and expands the reach and national impact of this platform.

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President & CEO of Linwick & Associates and Founder of Career Mastered®. "Their leadership reflects the strength, creativity, and influence shaping today's business landscape and the future beyond it."

Career Mastered® Leadership Class of 2026 Honorees

Living Legend Honoree

Soledad O'Brien, Journalist, Philanthropist, and Founder of Soledad O'Brien Productions

Master Leadership Honorees

Karen Hong, Global Chief Executive Officer & President, Continental Aerospace Technologies

Dr. Valerie Kinloch, President, Johnson C. Smith University

Sonita Lontoh, Silicon Valley Board Director & Former Fortune 100 Technology Executive, Sunrun
| Alpha AI | Sway Ventures

Estella D. Patterson, Chief of Police, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD)

Terri Zandhuis, Chief People Officer, Krispy Kreme

Leadership in Action Honorees

Hollie Ardoin, Sr. Director, Treasury Operations, Ally Financial

Randi Adkins-Warren, Corporate Counsel, Aflac

Rachel S. Brumfield, VP, Corporate Services, Howard Hanna Allen Tate

Barbara Briccotto, Business Development Manager, Progressive Companies

Erica Bryant, Journalist, Cox Media Group | WSOC-TV

Andriane Chillemi, Counsel, Parker Poe

Mahisha Dellinger, Founder, CURLS | Huzzy Smart Sips

Liz Etheredge, CEO, Mecklenburg Paint Company, Inc.

Kiffi Ford, Associate General Counsel, ITC Holdings Corp

Jill Ferrari, Partner, Schenk & Bruetsch, PLC

Deneen L. Garrett, Founder & CEO, Deneen L. Garrett LLC.

Jaymie Hampson, Area General Manager, Fletcher Jones Automotive Group

Amanda Hibberts, Partner & Managing Partner, Platinum Coating of NC | Platinum Coating Pink

Vikki Hill-Gonzalez, President, NAHREP Greater Las Vegas | Realtor, Century 21 Americana

Marilyn Hoosen, President & Independent Investment Executive, eGoli Wealth Advisors

Dianne D. Jones, Managing Director, Business & Economic Incentives, JLL

Chiege O. Kalu Okwara, Attorney at Law, Law Office of Chiege O. Kalu Okwara

Mamie Neely Lee, Editor-in-Chief, Lake Norman Woman Magazine

Elissa Mahendra, Managing Partner, Dynamic Talent Partners

Chandra McMillion, Founder & CEO, The McMillion Group

Pamela Mims, Deputy General Counsel, Amwins Group, Inc.

Amber Mulligan, VP, Strategy & Transformation, Trane Technologies

Naomi Oglesby, Sr. Director & Associate General Counsel, Coca-Cola Consolidated

Scarlet Powell, Sr. Sales Engineer, Cenero

Dr. Katrina Schuler, Dentist, Joseph Mercy Care Services | Trinity Health

Amy Sullivan, Director, Business Development, SeamonWhiteside
Tanya M. Taylor, Formerly SVP & General Counsel, Tepper Sports & Entertainment
Teresa Thiele, SVP, Global Purchasing Body & Interior, Stellantis
Beth Troutman, Host, Good Morning BT, WBT Radio
Laura Ward, Partner, Bernard Robinson & Co., LLP.
Venitra White-Dean, Founder & Executive Director, The Frankie Mae Foundation
Winnie Wilks, VP, Human Resources – North America, Allied Universal
Sarah Williams, Owner & Principal Designer, Studio Works Interior Architecture
Jennifer Winstel, Managing Director-Wealth Management, UBS Financial Services
Alice Womack, Managing Director, Oakworth Capital Bank

Emerging Leader Honorees

Alexis Baker, VP, Division Area Manager & Counsel, First American Title Insurance Company
Morgan Grohol, PE, Project Manager, BGE, Inc.
Melissa Hall, Executive Director, Fields of Hope
Shamika Hogan, Executive Director, i.c.stars
Dr. Brittani Jackson, Asst. Professor of Accountancy, Western Michigan University
Stephanie Jenson, IFM COE Operations Lead, JLL
Stephane Joyner, President & CEO, DiverseCity Services
Ayanna Lutin, VP, Private Philanthropy Services, Foundation For The Carolinas
Kassandra Mast, Director of Planning & Operations, Aro Homes
Simone Merritt, Senior HR Consultant, Enomis Consulting Group
Shanise Pearce, Founder and CEO, The Advocate's Table, LLC
Myranda Sieverding, Tax Principal, Elliott Davis Advisory, LLC
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