

Janet Dutcher Selected as Top Female Trailblazer of the Year in Finance by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Janet Dutcher at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), a leading global professional organization known for its prestigious annual [awards gala](#) and exclusive vetting process, is proud to announce that [Janet Dutcher](#) has been selected as Top Female Trailblazer of the Year in Finance for 2026 for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and innovation in her field.

Being selected as an award recipient within the IAOTP is a prestigious achievement; only a select group of distinguished professionals earn this elite membership each year. Individuals selected for the Trailblazer Award, have pioneered new paths, demonstrated exceptional leadership, and made a significant impact in their field or community. These individuals innovate, lead, and inspire change in their industries or communities. This award celebrates those who break barriers, set new standards, and create meaningful impact, often serving as role models for others. Janet Dutcher will be celebrated in December for her award.

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With more than three decades of experience, Dr. Janet Dutcher has established herself as a recognized authority in government finance. A dynamic, results-driven leader, her most recent position was serving as Finance Director for Mono County, California, overseeing the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector functions and managing a team of 11 employees, ensuring fiscal accountability and operational excellence.

Her expertise spans government financial reporting, budget development and policy implementation, external audit coordination, process improvement, tax billing and revenue



collection, strategic financial planning, public fund investing, and staff training in accounting best practices. Through this comprehensive skill set, Dr. Dutcher provides strategic guidance that strengthens financial governance and promotes organizational efficiency.

Dr. Dutcher served as Mono County's Finance Director since 2016 and just recently retired October 2025. Prior to this role, she served in senior capacities in Alpine County as Senior Financial Officer and later as Assistant CAO for Budget and Finance. Earlier in her career, she was an Audit Manager at a top-100 CPA firm, specializing in audits of California counties, cities, and districts—a foundation that laid the groundwork for her expertise in public-sector accountability and transparency.



Before embarking on her career path, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from California State University, Sacramento, followed by a Master's in Public Administration from CSU Northridge. Dr. Dutcher completed her Doctorate in Public Administration at West Chester University, with a dissertation titled "Evaluating Assertiveness, Support, and Gameplay Patterns by California Rural County Departments in Acquiring Budgetary Resources," highlighting her dedication to public finance and resource management. She holds both CPA and CGFM certifications, underscoring her professional rigor and commitment to excellence.

Throughout her illustrious career, Janet Dutcher has received many awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide for her accomplishments. Most recently she was selected for Top 50 Fearless Leaders for 2026, where a chapter in the latest book was dedicated to her. Last year, she was awarded Top Director of the Year in Finance and Empowered Woman of the Year. Additionally, Janet has been recognized by Who's Who of Professional Women. This year, she will be honored at IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala at the iconic Plaza Hotel in December for her selection of Top Female Trailblazer in Finance as well as for her previous award of Top 50 Fearless Leaders.

Dr. Dutcher is deeply committed to both her profession and her community. She actively advances her field by leading training programs, presenting at industry conferences, and mentoring emerging professionals in best practices for government finance. In addition, she is engaged in industry organizations, including the California State Association of County Auditors and the Government Finance Officers Association, and volunteers with her local Lutheran

church, reflecting a rare combination of technical expertise, strategic leadership, and a steadfast dedication to transparency, efficiency, and service.

Looking back, Janet attributes her success to her perseverance, work ethic, and mentors along the way. When not working, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. In the future, she hopes to inspire and influence those getting into the field.

Watch her video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQnaGorIUhU&t=28s>

For more information, please visit: www.gfoa.org/bio/janet-dutcher

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The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is an international boutique networking organization that selects the world's most distinguished and accomplished professionals across a wide range of industries. These elite professionals are provided opportunities to collaborate, share insights, serve as keynote speakers, and inspire others within their fields. Membership is not open to the general public. Candidates must be personally invited by the President or nominated by an esteemed honorary member following a brief interview.

IAOTP's experts have recognized and credentialed thousands of top-tier professionals worldwide, helping them strengthen their personal brands and expand their influence. The organization prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique network that handpicks only the most exceptional individuals and brings them together on a premier platform designed to foster meaningful connections and professional growth. IAOTP remains one of the most elite and highly respected professional recognition organizations in the world.

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