

**The 2020 Top 25 Leading Women Entrepreneurs of New Jersey Announced with Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver**

Leading Women Entrepreneurs (LWE) is an organization that has recognized over 500 outstanding women in business over the past decade and is excited to honor 25 more. We are proud to celebrate the 2020 Top 25 Leading Women Entrepreneurs, Intrapreneurs, Brand Builders and Socialpreneurs. This prestigious group of women is selected out of hundreds of impressive nominations based on their strong business acumen and ability to both influence and inspire within their respective industries. These are the women business owners and corporate leaders who excel in innovation and advocacy for women.

We are so proud to announce:

**Helen Archontou, MSW, LSW** – *YWCA of Northern New Jersey*

**Kiira Benzing** – *Double Eye Studios*

**Diana Blankman Roberts** – *Sanofi US*

**Caroline Blazovsky** – *My Healthy Home*

**Ginni Conquest** – *Wilhelmina Models Inc/ Independent Romance Writer*

**Marcia Dukes** – *Prudential*

**Melissa Eichholz** – *Prospect Transportation, Inc.*

**Avigail Eisenstadt** – *AE Design Group*

**Kym Frank** – *Geopath*

**Judith Friedland** – *American Heart Association*

**Tanya Helfand** – *Helfand & Associates*

**Natasha Hemmings** – *Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey*

**Kelly Hwang** – *Lerner David Littenberg Krumholz & Mentlik LLP*

**Kelley Ingram** – *Newark Beth Israel Medical Center*

**Cristy Kaur** – *Merrill Lynch*

**Nicola Kayel** – *Salix Pharmaceuticals*

**Celia King** – *Leadership Newark, Inc.*

**Marta Lefsky-Darden** – *Woodbridge Township*

**Kim Luthy** – *Synthesis Wealth Planning*

**Suzanne McAdams** – *GlaxoSmithKline*

**Elyse Mendell** – *Sage Healthcare Partners / Allegria Senior Living*

**Brenda Ross-Dulan** – *The Ross Dulan Group*

**Lauren Siclare** – *BuckleBath*

**Dr. Vanna Stone** – *Gentle Caring Dentistry*

**Kristi Telschow** – *Jersey Staffing Solutions, LLC*

Sheila Oliver, New Jersey's Lieutenant Governor, congratulates the Top 25, "Please know that the work you do today paves the way for the next generation of young, aspiring, female entrepreneurs and business leaders... Your innovation and ability to lift others as you climb is why you are being acknowledged. Congratulations [to] the best and brightest in our state on this meaningful [Juneteenth] day. By promoting goodness and progress in the world, you are making New Jersey a stronger and more equitable place to live. Governor Murphy and I appreciate your Valiant efforts."

LWE is a networking organization that recognizes outstanding women in business and strives for their overall advancement. LWE connects and promotes high-level women entrepreneurs and executives through our respected media partnerships. We provide strategic networking, educational events and retreats. The mission is to create a sustainable ongoing environment that brings leaders together and showcases their attributes and contributions.

Linda Wellbrock, founder and CEO of LWE, says, "These honorees are amazing role models representative of the increasing impact diverse leaders are making in the world of business. We are excited to celebrate women who, despite gender-based challenges, excel in innovation and advocacy and have made it to the top regardless of the barriers."

New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver congratulates this years Top 25:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4SCf4f7NXg&feature=youtu.be>

These amazing leaders will be honored virtually on October 8th, 2020. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-2020-top-25-leading-women-virtual-recognition-event-tickets-107237030846>

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