



Alton YWCA Announces Final Call For Women Of Distinction Nominations

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ALTON - YWCA of Alton is issuing its final call for 2021 Women of Distinction (WOD) nominations. WOD Nominations are due Monday, May 17, 2021 at 5 pm or postmarked by May 17, 2021. Nomination packages are available at YWCA or on the YWCA website (www.altonywca.com). You may request nomination materials by calling 618.465.7774 or by emailing info@metroeastywca.org. The community, especially members from the Women of Distinction Academy, is urged to nominate women who are making a difference in their communities. Women must live, work or volunteer in Madison and Jersey County to be eligible.

Thirty one years strong, YWCA provides a unique opportunity to support and acknowledge remarkable women who honor the YWCA mission of eliminating racism,

empowering women and promoting peace, justice and dignity for all persons through their personal and professional lives. Women of Distinction honorees are a diverse group striving to improve both individual lives, families, and their community through solid, consistent and self-less efforts.

After being honored at the annual Gala Event scheduled for August 26, 2021 at the Best Western Conference Center, honorees become part of the prestigious Women of Distinction Academy.

A volunteer panel of judges will select the 2021 honorees from nominations. Honorees will be selected for significant contributions in giving back to the community through time, talent, mentoring and resources, demonstrating a commitment to YWCA mission, working for positive social change that helps improve communities, including advocating for policies and practices, changing attitudes and taking action, and creating programs that positively impact families, including, but not limited to, the areas of health, safety, economic stability or development.

The 2020 and the 2021 Honorees will be celebrated at the 30th Annual Women of Distinction Celebration held on Thursday evening, August 26, 2021 at Best Western Premier Conference Center in Alton.

Established in 1918, YWCA of Alton is part of the largest and oldest women's organization in the world. YWCA tailors our programs to meet the unique needs of our communities, as aligned with three key national platforms: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls.