

# **YWCA WOMEN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS**

## **1973**

Arts **Kay Cann**  
Business **Grace Hudson**  
Civic Affairs **Sheree Herbst**  
Community Service **Mrs. A. O. Stevens**  
Community Service **Jessie Wyckoff**  
Professions **Dr. Georgie Burt**  
Religion **Laura Kay**  
Volunteer Service **Rosemary Feist**  
Volunteer Service **Gladys Ray**  
Young Woman  
of Tomorrow **Paulette Rehling**

## **1974**

Arts **Isabelle Thompson**  
Business **Irene Fraser**  
Civic Affairs **Pat Beckman**  
Community Service **Stella Hohncke**  
Community Service **Laura Scherfenberg**  
Education **Joan Miller**  
Professions **Doris Eastman**  
Religion **Helen Bailly**  
Special Recognition **Dorothy Banks**  
Volunteer Service **Elsie Welter**  
Young Woman  
of Tomorrow **Synneva Horvik**

## **1975**

**Lois Bangsberg**  
**Florenz Bjornson**  
**Dorothy Collins**  
**Winifred Fabel Stockman**  
**Agnes Geelan**  
**Harriet Geib**  
**Betty Litten**  
**Nell Murfin**  
**Hanny Wright**  
**Elizabeth Alsop**

## **1976**

Arts **Bea Cummings**  
Business **Ruth E. Hanson**  
Civic Affairs **Aloha Eagles**  
Education **Katherine Burgum**  
Professions **Carol Hinz**  
Religion **Matilda Moen**  
Special Recognition **Lenore Tenneson**  
Volunteer Service **Grace Leigh**  
Young Woman  
of Tomorrow **Janet Benson**

## **1977**

Arts **Kay Ornberg**  
Arts **Stella Pollock**  
Business **Mavis Whiting**  
Civic Affairs **Phyllis Onsgard**  
Education **Ruth Hogleund**  
Education **Maridell Reid**  
Professions **Florence Reid**  
Religion **Florence Eichmiller**  
Religion **Betty Feder**  
Volunteer Service **Grace Tveiten**  
Young Woman  
of Tomorrow **Katie Kiefer**

## **1978**

Arts **Phyllis Welch Thysell**  
Business **Lucille Campbell**  
Civic Affairs **Lola Ruff**  
Community Service **Helen Crary**  
Community Service **Lillie Kittlesrud**  
Community Service **Ruth Landfield**  
Education **Marion Benson**  
Education **Sally Kemp**  
Religion **Agnes Eriksmoen**  
Religion **Str. Mary Bernarda Sanoski**  
Volunteer Service **Marion Sansted**  
Young Woman  
of Tomorrow **Julie Eklund**

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## 1979

Arts	Patricia Ann Votava
Business	Betty Good
Civic Affairs	Ann Powers
Community Service	Louise Nettleton
Education	Betty Malen Anderson
Professions	Elaine White
Religion	Phyllis Erickson
Volunteer Service	Marion Brown
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Paulette Wood
YWCA Extraordinary Service	Marilyn Zimmerman

## 1980

Arts	Margaret Bailly
Business	Min Jones Bohlig
Church Service	Leota Leintz
Civic Affairs	Gen Harris
Civic Affairs	A. J. Remsing
Continuing Service	Em Laskey
Continuing Service	Carol Spurbeck
Education	Dorothy Johnson
Professional	Susan Crockett
Sports & Recreation	Mary Wadnizak
Volunteer Service	Kit Scherber
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Jolene Jensen

## 1981

Arts	Susan Freeman
Business	Ida Amundson
Church	Joan Marie Hill
Church	Str. Jane Walker
Community Service	Tracey Moorhead
Education	Marlys Callahan
Education	Margaret Reed
Government	Shirley Peterson
Media	Kathy Coyle
Professions	Joy Query
Sports	Paula Bauck
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Barbara Stobb

## 1982

Arts	Carolyn Corwin Berringer
Business	Barbara Buchanan
Community Service	Beth Agnew
Community Service	Judi Mouw
Education	Lillian Goettler
Professions	Doris Hertsgaard
Government	Beverly Bernhagen
Media/Communications	Virginia Geston
Professions	Judith Dulski
Religion	Irene Regan
Sports	Collette Buhr Folstad
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Jan Haag

## 1983

Arts	Evelyn Nelson
Business	Corinne Stefanson
Community Service	Kathleen Kadrmaz
Education	Karen Okerlund
Government/Politics	Georgiann Stenerson
Media/Communications	Lou Richardson
Professions	Lois Nelson
Religion	Virginia Kolba
Sports	Deborah Gavin
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Nancy Kae Landmark

## 1984

Arts	Marillyn Nass
Business	Mary Hisley
Community Service	Susan Spain
Education	Nancy Harris
Politics	Betty Lou Pyle
Professions	Ellen Mahli
Religion	Str. Maurine Cote
Volunteer Service	Judy Ellingson
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Lisa Godon

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## **1986**

Arts	Catherine Mulligan
Business	Virginia Gregg
Community Service	Diane Wray Williams
Education	Dr. Harriet Light
Government	Carol Spichke
Politics	Betty Jean Pyle
Professions	Beryl Levine
Religion	Louise Nettleton
Sports	Marvel Froemming
Volunteer Service	Alice Hill
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Jerilyn Brantner

## **1987**

Arts	Vicki Chepulis
Business	Betty Opheim
Community Service	Lois Hanson
Education	Rose Andersen
Government	Pauline Sarbaum
Politics	Shirley Sinclair
Volunteer Service	Florence Ryland
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Sara Coomber

## **1988**

Agriculture	Dr. Marcia McMullen
Arts	Ruth Berge
Business	Alma Cater
Community Service	Darlene Rogers
Education	Karen Montgomery
Man of the Year	C. Warner Litten
Professions	Kathleen Weir
Public Service	Doris Jean Heroff
Religion	Str. Mary Margaret Mooney
Sports	Lynn Dorn
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Joni Ringdahl

## **1989**

Advocate for the Child	Sharon Dardis
Agriculture	Mary Lou Straley
Arts	Kim Baird
Education	Alice Underbakke
Health Care	Kathryn Benson
Man of the Year	Ben Clapp
Professions	Mary Beth Donaldson
Public Service	Diane Meyer
Religion	Hariette Thom
Volunteer Service	Gwen Rust
Young Woman of Tomorrow	LeeAnn Hiestand

## **1990**

Advocate for the Child	Karen Danbom
Arts	Elizabeth Hannaher
Business	Joan Lauf
Education	Lynn Prom
Health Care	Karen Robinson
Professions	Darlene Weber
Religion	Marcella Depute
Volunteer Service	Muriel Holman
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Kathryn Hunt

## **1991**

Arts	Helen Cermack
Business	Susan Jensen
Education	Barbara Redlin-Sweeney
Health Care	Arlette Haugen (Preston?)
Professions	Melinda Hohncke
Public Service	Marlene Koenig
Religion	Str. Mary Palmer
Religion	Str. Julia Wirth
Sports	Amy Ruley
Volunteer Service	Esther Allen
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Heather Agnew

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## **1992**

Advocate for the Child **Karen Eisenhardt**  
Arts **Carole Kline**  
Business **Sharon Larkin**  
Education **Mary Herring**  
Health Care **Evelyn Quigley**  
Professions **Patricia Halvorson**  
Public Service **Peggy Jarvis**  
Religion **Str. Elaine Dufresne**  
Sports **Kelli Layman**  
Volunteer Service **Carol A. Johnson**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Cheri Quanbeck**

## **1993**

Administrative Support **Kathy Richardson**  
Advocate for the Child **Sheila Stack**  
Business **Jeanne Weber Dotson**  
Education **Nancy Jordheim**  
Health Care **Pamela Schaefer**  
Professions **Str. Carmen Rodriguez**  
Religion **Str. Brenda Hannon**  
Volunteer Service **Beverly Paulson**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Jill Henderson**

## **1994**

Administrative Support **Jean Monson**  
Advocate for the Child **Lorrie Thoemke**  
Arts **June Boyd**  
Business **Jarilyn Gess**  
Education **Monica Kersting**  
Health Care **Jane Bovard**  
Health Care **Geraldine Weeding**  
Professions **Merrie Sue Holtan**  
Public Service **Bernice Joan Pavek**  
Religion **Str. Mary Ann Welsch**  
Volunteer Service **Judy Lee**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Dana Monet Carlson**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Genevieve Rose Edwards**

## **1995**

Administrative Support **Luann Gross**  
Advocate for the Child **Amy Maier**  
Arts **Debora Harris**  
Business **Suzon Braun**  
Education **Annalee Pomonis**  
Health Care **Janell Lynn Christenson**  
Health Care **Sonia McManus**  
Professions **Mary Ellen Heian Schmider**  
Public Service **Ronni Miller**  
Volunteer Service **Lucy Kjar**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Kimberly Beth Rasmusson**

## **1996**

Administrative Support **Joyce Brien**  
Advocate for the Child **Verlene Dvoracek**  
Business **Dana Sue Buchholz**  
Education **Linda Finneman**  
Health Care **Barbara Vellenga**  
Professions **Deb Kluck**  
Public Service **Millie MacLeod**  
Religion **Sharon Secor**  
Volunteer Service **Heather Ellis**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Sara Breneman**

## **1997**

Administrative Support **Laurie Whitehead**  
Advocate for the Child **Keatha Mcleod**  
Arts **Cheryl Blakely Moewes**  
Business **Kim Ouren**  
Education **Tricia Henrickson**  
Health Care **Dr. Godela Iverson**  
Professions **Kathy Kowitz**  
Public Service **Vicki Schmidt**  
Volunteer Service **Diane Gerst**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Heather Carlson**

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## **1998**

Administrative Support **Sandi Dvorak**  
Advocate for the Child **DeAnn Johnson**  
Arts **Patricia Sondrall**  
Business **Judy Olson**  
Education **Hazel Houkom**  
Health Care **Joetta Barnes**  
Professions **Karla Abdo**  
Public Service **Patty Roller**  
Student-Higher Learning **Marty Jo Hoffmann**  
Volunteer Service **Marlene Daul**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Prairie Seminole Rose**

## **1999**

Administrative Support **Kay Rokke**  
Advocate for the Child **Helen Danielson**  
Arts **Susan Boyd**  
Business **Jane Beare**  
Education **Beverly Wesley**  
Health Care **Margaret Dahl**  
Professions **Arlette Preston**  
Public Service **Bette Midgarden**  
Religion **Kathy Vitalis Hoffman**  
Student-Higher Learning **Melissa Britton**  
Volunteer Service **Patricia A. Johnson**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Madelin Liisa Arola**

## **2000**

Administrative Support **Becky Jahnke**  
Advocate for the Child **Lorraine Sparke**  
Business **Karla Aaland**  
Education **Nancy Frosaker Johnson**  
Professions **Yoke-Sim Gunaratne**  
Public Service **Barbara Sipson**  
Religion **Amy Current**  
Student-Higher Learning **Nicole Kahl**  
Volunteer Service **Jan Spaeth**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Jody Jensen**

## **2001**

Administrative Support **Ronda Rheault**  
Advocate for the Child **Martha DiCicco**  
Arts **Cindy Snelling**  
Business **LaVerne Czichotzki**  
Education **Judy Mathison**  
Health Care **Mary Jo Hannasch**  
Professions **Melinda L. Hanson**  
Public Service **Lisa Borgen**  
Religion **Dorcas Wang**  
Student-Higher Learning **Jodi Vesterby**  
Volunteer Service **Tracey Braeger**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Rose Beauclair**

## **2002**

Advocate-Wellness **Cynthia Herfindahl**  
Advocate-Youth **Donna Norquay**  
Arts/Communication **Deborah Jenkins**  
Business **LaRayne Longtine**  
Community **Judy Siegle**  
Education **Vicki Wiisanen**  
Florence Reed Owens Lifetime Achievement **Marilyn White**  
Volunteer Service **Irene Hogan**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Melanie Miller**

## **2003**

Advocate-Equality **Lysa Ringquist**  
Advocate-Wellness **Janet Drechsel**  
Advocate-Youth **Sue Heinze**  
Arts **Vicky Jo Bogart**  
Business **Sharon Kaseman**  
Business that Empowers Women **Dress for Success**  
Community **Kathy Hogan**  
Education **Sharon Anderson**  
Florence Reed Owens Lifetime Achievement **Sister Jane Walker**  
Volunteer Service **Monica Millette**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Fowzia Adde**

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## 2004

Advocate-Equality **Dara Adele Lee**  
Advocate-Youth **Angela Hill**  
Business **Pamela (skyy) McNair**  
Education **Michele McRae**  
Faith Community **Carolyn Wright**  
Florence Reed Owens  
Lifetime Achievement **Frances Akeley Lontz**  
Volunteer Service **Willy Jacobson**  
Wellness **Helaine Arnold**  
Young Woman  
of Tomorrow **Kate M. Olson**

## 2005

Art/Communication **Sandra Miles**  
Business **Rhonda King**  
Business that Empowers Women **Jodee Bock**  
Community Service **Bessie Askew**  
Education **Betty Dahm Patterson**  
Faith Community **Linda Schroeder**  
Florence Reed Owens  
Lifetime Achievement **Ardis Sandvig**  
Volunteer Service **Mary Jo Richard**  
Wellness **Vi Deilke**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Eleanor Wilking (15-18)**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Sara Jo Berge (19-25)**

## 2006

Advocate-Equality **Diane Wray Williams**  
Art/Communication **Sue Petry**  
Business **Catie Tinjum**  
Business that Empowers Women **Natalie Sparrow**  
Community Service **Julie Gunkelman**  
Education **Donna Lemar**  
Faith Community **Gail Gunst**  
Florence Reed Owens  
Lifetime Achievement **Dr. Norma Kiser-Larson**  
Volunteer Service **Brenda Rosten**  
Wellness **Dr. Kristina A. A. Schlecht**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Brita Thomas (15-18)**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Amanda Belcourt (19-25)**

## 2007

Advocate-Equality **Nazdar Hassan**  
Arts & Communication **Lyn Nichols**  
Business **Carol Rogne**  
Community Service **Angela Bachman**  
Education **Kimberly Belgarde**  
Faith Community **Ann Sezcko**  
Florence Reed Owens  
Lifetime Achievement **Mary Margaret Mooney**  
Volunteer Service **Nancy Israelson**  
Wellness **Elizabeth Faust**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Alexis Stadstad (15-18)**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Melissa Kirklewski (19-25)**  
Youth Advocacy **Dr. Alonna Norberg**

## 2008

Advocating for Equality **Jane Nelson**  
Arts & Communication **Donna Chalimonczyk**  
Business **Jane C. Voglewede**  
Business Organization **Tri-College NEW**  
Community Service **Jessica A. Thomasson**  
Education **Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson**  
Faith Community **Sister Andrea Arendt, PBVM**  
Florence Reed Owens  
Lifetime Achievement **Carol Stoudt**  
Volunteer Service **Tracy Briggs**  
Wellness **Carly Nelson**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Devany A. Schulz (15-18)**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Hillary Scherweit (19-25)**  
Youth Advocacy **Melody Staebner**

## 2009

Advocating for Equality **Donna Wood**  
Arts & Communication **Penny Ripperger**  
Business **Tammy Miller**  
Community Service **Shirley Sjue**  
Education **Virginia Clark Johnson**  
Florence Reed Owens  
Lifetime Achievement **Mary Deutsch Schneider**  
Volunteer Service **Sue Huguélet**  
Wellness **Jan Nelson**  
Young Woman of Tomorrow **Lauren Blanshan (15-18)**  
Youth Advocacy **Kim Pladson**

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## 2010

Advocating for Equality	Patricia Patron
Arts & Communication	Kay Hilde
Business	Danette Nicoloff
Business/Organization that Empowers Women	Vogel Law Firm
Community Service	Cindy Miller
Education	Penny Andrist
Faith Community	Paula Mehmel
Volunteer Service	Shelly Richard
Wellness	Tracie Mallberg
Young Woman of Tomorrow	Amanda Cashman
Youth Advocacy	Adair Grommesh

## 2011

Arts & Communication	Anne Kaese
Business	Lynn Motteberg
Business/Organization that Empowers Women	Microsoft
Community Service	Deb Watne
Education	Karen Eriksmoen
Florence Reed Owens Lifetime Achievement	Dr. Kate Haugen
Volunteer Service	Donna Voorhees
Wellness	Theresa Larson
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow	Meghan Pegel

## 2012

Advocating for Equality	Kim Seeb
Arts & Communication	Claudia Pratt
Business	Marta Ybarra
Business that Empowers Women	Rape and Abuse Crisis Center of FargoMoorhead
Community Service	Linda Clark
Education	Sarah Dodd
Faith Community	Amy Kippen
Florence Reed Owens Lifetime Achievement	Julie Blehm, MD
Volunteer Service	Megan Riegel
Wellness	Dr. Susan Farkas
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow	Kate Wiste
Youth Advocacy	Susan K. Smith

## 2013

Advocating for Equality	Jody Hudson
Business	Julie Brunette
Business that Empowers Women	Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.
Community Service	Kathy Smith
Education	Nancy H. Murphy
Faith Community	Lois Ustanko
Florence Reed Owens Lifetime Achievement	Dr. Terrie L. Manno
Volunteer Service	Paula Kelly
Wellness	Dr. Janine Carson
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow	Kristina Heggedal
Youth Advocacy	Anna Frissell

## 2014

Advocating for Equality	Amy Herrick
Arts & Communication	Susie Ekberg Risher
Business	Michelle Killoran
Business that Empowers Women	Eide Bailly LLP
Community Service	Heather Ranck
Education	Jane Greminger
Faith Community	Gerri Leach
Florence Reed Owens Lifetime Achievement	Carol A. Johnson
Volunteer Service	Andrea Wagner
Wellness	Jane Taber
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow	Annise Montplaisir
Youth Advocacy	Lisa Schwinden

## 2015

Advocating for Equality	Kim Pladson
Arts & Communication	Tammy Noteboom
Business	Jeana Peinovich
Business that Empowers Women	Discovery Benefits
Community Service	Mary Stenson
Education	Gayle Hyde
Faith Community	Pastor Gloria Shields
Lifetime Achievement	Carla Hansen
Volunteer Service	Tavia Smith
Wellness	Dr. Shelby Terstriep
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow	Britany Williams
Youth Advocacy	Wendy Iwerks

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## **2016**

Advocating for Equality **Amy Jacobson**  
Arts & Culture **Lisa Tate**  
Business **Nancy Soyring**  
Communications **Shannon Charpentier**  
Community & Volunteer Service **Tonya Stende**  
Education **Jennifer Frueh**  
Health & Wellness **Jennifer Raum**  
Leader in Women's Empowerment **National Hospitality Services**  
Lifetime Achievement **Alice Christianson**  
Science & Technology **Michelle Weber**  
Youth Advocacy **Michelle Kommer**

## **2017**

Advocating for Equality **Jan Eliassen**  
Arts & Culture **Linda Boyd**  
Business **Ellen Cooke**  
Communications **Kristina Hein**  
Community & Volunteer Service **Jodi Heilman**  
Education **Beth Ekre**  
Faith Community **Sister Juli Caron**  
Health & Wellness **Michelle Gelinske**  
Leader in Women's Empowerment **CoreLink**  
Lifetime Achievement **Sister Peggy Byrne**  
Science & Technology **Jane Schuh, Ph.D.**  
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow **Lynna Ngo**  
Youth Advocacy **Alaina Johnson**

## **2018**

Advocating for Equality **Whitney Fear**  
Arts & Culture **Chelsey Ewen**  
Business **Tamara Andersen**  
Community & Volunteer Service **Sandra Buchholz**  
Education **Mary Ann Donnay**  
Faith Community **Major Elaine Medlock**  
Health & Wellness **Dr. Stacey Benson**  
Leader in Women's Empowerment **United Way 35 Under 35 Women's Leadership Program**  
Lifetime Achievement **Jan Adair**  
Science & Technology **Bethlehem Gronneberg**  
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow **Nidhi Mahale**  
Youth Advocacy **Lorrie Thoenke**

## **2019**

Advocating for Equality **Dr. Dawn Duncan**  
Business Management & Entrepreneurship **Susan Jarvis**  
Communications **Kirsten Jensen**  
Community & Volunteer Service **Maureen Bartelt**  
Education **Jana Bruhschwein**  
Health & Wellness **Britt Selbo**  
Leader in Women's Empowerment **Ladyboss FM**  
Lifetime Achievement **Cyndy Skorick**  
Science & Technology **Taya Spelhaug**  
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow **Katie Mastel**  
Youth Advocacy **Sara Stallman**

## **2020**

Advocating for Equality **Jillian Gould**  
Arts & Culture **Melissa Sobolik**  
Business Management & Entrepreneurship **Julene Brown**  
Communications **Erica Johnsrud**  
Community & Volunteer Service **Sarah DeVries**  
Education **Leah Juelke**  
Faith Community **Kathy Hunstad**  
Health & Wellness **Trish Tallakson**  
Leader in Women's Empowerment **Gate City Bank**  
Lifetime Achievement **Sharon White Bear**  
Science & Technology **Katie Oster**  
Young Woman of Today & Tomorrow **Abrar Sharfi**  
Youth Advocacy **Kari Bucholz**