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11 nominated for Athena Awards

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The **Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce** announced Thursday the 11 women chosen as finalists for its annual Athena Awards.

The Athena Businesswoman of the Year award recognizes a woman in both the public and private sectors, in addition to highlighting an upcoming leader in the Valley as an Athena Young Professional.

More than 50 Valley women nominated. Here are the finalists:

Private sector

- Susan Cordts, Adaptive Technologies Inc.
- Debra Hill, La Cerra Sueno
- Jay Parry, Phoenix Suns
- Margie Traylor, Sitewire

Public sector

- Katherine Cecala, Valley of the Sun United Way
- Pam Gaber, Gabriel's Angels
- Cindy Gentry, Community Food Connections
- Sharon Knutson-Felix, 100 Club of Arizona

Young professional

- Jessica Catlin, Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Melanie McCargar, Sundt Construction
- Rachel Yanof, Phoenix Collegiate Academy

Named after the Greek goddess of wisdom, the Athena Awards honor women who strive toward the highest levels of professional accomplishments, excel in their chosen fields, and have devoted time and energy to their communities. Nominees are judged on leadership and achievement, community service and support for the professional development and mentorship of women.

Winners will be announced at a luncheon Oct. 28. For more: www.phoenixchamber.com/athena.

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