The Business Award celebrates the outstanding contributions of women to the local business community. Muskingum County native Mary Vashti Jones Funk built a solid reputation as a Zanesville attorney through decades of perseverance and hard work. She was recognized as a community leader whose insights and dedication helped move Muskingum County forward.

The Education Award honors women who inspire individuals to higher levels of achievement. A long-time teacher at Zanesville City Schools, Winifred K. Vogt was actively involved with the local and national YWCA. Her concern for young women in our community and passion for growth of the YWCA was demonstrated throughout her life and through her estate.

The Professions Award recognizes women who excel in the professional field. Mary Townsend's commitment and hard work were the driving forces in the 1918 “Build for Her” Campaign to construct the former YWCA. The organization’s service to women in Zanesville is a direct result of Mary’s skills and her beliefs about the role of women in a successful community.

The Health Care Award celebrates noteworthy contributions to the quality of health care. A quiet, unassuming woman, Josephine Phillips was a great asset to the community. She became involved with the YWCA early in her residency and remained a good friend throughout her life. Her generosity inspired her children, as they made a contribution to the YWCA in her memory.

The Special Recognition Award honors women who have devoted time and energy to serve the needs of the community. Aldine Roach Flegal was an Athens native whose relocation to Zanesville had a positive and long-term impact on the community. Her financial acuity is still demonstrated today through projects made possible by her generosity.

The Young Adult Award recognizes women 22-34 years of age who exemplify the spirit of citizenship. Ethel Granger Schultz’s generosity and vision for the future enabled the YWCA to flourish for many years. As a result of her endowment, women in Zanesville have experienced personal and professional growth through the YWCA programs.

The Bright Futures Award honors females 18 and younger in Muskingum County. These students exemplify a commitment to the empowerment of young women. They are role models for others and extend themselves beyond the norm to attain success. They demonstrate an ongoing commitment to give back to the community.
Women of Achievement

The Muskingum Family Y established the Women of Achievement Program in 1988 to honor women who have achieved a level of excellence in their particular field of endeavor. Furthermore, the tribute increases community awareness, understanding, and appreciation of how women contribute to the economic and social health of the community.

The 2016 Women of Achievement awards presentation will be held on April 13, 2016, in the Ohio University Zanesville/Zane State College Campus Center with dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

Standards of Selection

The Women of Achievement program applauds women of various backgrounds and scopes of accomplishments. Though Women of Achievement honorees are accomplished in different ways and through different means, each shares some commonalities:

- She is committed to the empowerment of women and supports cultural diversity.
- She is a role model.
- She has extended herself beyond the norm to attain success.
- Through example or deed, she has made success easier for women who follow in her footsteps.
- She is involved in an ongoing commitment to give back to her community.

Criteria

Nominees must live or work in Muskingum County. Their achievements may be in career and/or community work. The Selection Committee will measure the merits of each nominee by examining the following: (Cite specific examples for your nominee.)

- What unique and exemplary contributions she has made.
- How her achievements have affected others.
- How she has opened the door for other women.
- What makes her a role model for women.
- How her achievements have helped to serve and empower diverse populations through educational, social, and recreational programs which strengthen the mind, body, and spirit.

How to Submit a Nomination

Complete the back of this nomination form and return to the Women of Achievement Selection Committee at the address below, with no more than four additional sheets supporting your nominee’s story by Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Late entries will be respectfully declined. Photocopies of the nomination form will be accepted. The form is also available at www.ZaneState.edu/WOA. Your nomination will be used by the Selection Committee to determine the recipients. Send completed nomination forms to Women of Achievement Selection Committee, 1555 Newark Road, Zanesville, OH 43701.