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FOR LASTING, POSITIVE COMMUNITY CHANGE.**

The Junior League of Collin County, formerly known as Junior League of Plano, is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Event proceeds support the charitable works of the Junior League of Collin County.

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## Program

- 6:00 p.m. Check-In
- 6:30 p.m. Welcome and Award Presentation | Emcee, Rebecca Silvestri
- 7:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

## Welcome

Tonight's event celebrates talented and influential women volunteers who live, work, or serve in Collin County. The ceremony will honor our inspirational 2020 and 2021 Women of Influence Award recipients.



## Congratulations

Women of Influence Award Honorees

### 2020 Collin County Women of Influence Honorees

Rebecca Egelston Caso	Legacy Award
Irum Rashid-Jones	Business Leader of the Year
Ashley Gentry	Newcomer of the Year
Barbara Green	Non-Profit Professional of the Year
Almas Muscatwalla	Volunteer of the Year
Megan Nguyen-Trinh	Young Professional of the Year

### 2021 Collin County Women of Influence Honorees

Honorable Florence Shapiro	Legacy Award
Pamela Zeigler-Petty	Business Leader of the Year
Ananda Kripa	Newcomer of the Year
Jessica Weidman	Non-Profit Professional of the Year
Mimi Conner	Volunteer of the Year
Joyce King	Young Professional of the Year

# Legacy Award



The Honorable  
Florence Shapiro  
**2021 LEGACY AWARD  
HONOREE**

The Honorable Florence Shapiro served as Texas State Senator from 1993-2013. Prior to that, she served 12 years on the Plano City Council, including two years as Mayor and President of the Texas Municipal League. Shapiro was a teacher, businesswoman, Board Chair, Founder, and President of the Junior League of Collin County, the Collin County Business Alliance, and Assistance Center of Collin County. Today, Shapiro is a public policy consultant. She also serves as Past Chair of several organizations, including the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, Commit! Foundation, Southwestern Medical Foundation, and Communities Foundation of Texas. In addition, she served as Vice-Chair for Children's Medical Center of Dallas and the George W. Bush Institute.



Rebecca Egelston Caso  
**2020 LEGACY AWARD  
HONOREE**

Rebecca Egelston Caso is an attorney and long-time community volunteer and facilitator with more than 25 years in non-profit capacity building and leadership development. She serves as an advisor to the Governor's Victims Service Coalition, the Governor's Criminal Justice Division Strategic Planning Task Force, and the Governor's Commission for Women. She chairs the Children's Medical Center Foundation Board and supports children through the Children's Health System of Texas. She has received recognition through the Plano Citizen of the Year, the ATHENA Award, various distinguished leadership awards, and the Rebecca Egelston Caso Bridge Builder Award, which was created in honor of her work with the Collin County Council on Family Violence. She is a JLCC Past President and an active Sustainer.

# Business Leader of the Year



Pamela Zeigler-Petty  
**2021 BUSINESS LEADER  
OF THE YEAR**

Pamela Zeigler-Petty is a banker with over 23 years of experience in financial services. She is deeply involved in Collin County, both professionally by helping small businesses succeed and personally through involvement with numerous organizations, including the Plano Chamber of Commerce, Plano Links Chapter, Junior League of Collin County, Impact Ventures, North Texas Performing Arts, Plano ISD, and Business Council for the Arts. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and a graduate of Grambling State University.



Irum Rashid-Jones  
**2020 BUSINESS LEADER  
OF THE YEAR**

Irum Rashid-Jones wears many hats as an entrepreneur, author, educator, philanthropist, and advocate. She works with community-based organizations and businesses to create sustainable programs for under-resourced areas to revitalize neighborhoods. She provides operational effectiveness and excellence to her family's flagship business, Electrician On Call, in addition to supporting thousands of businesses nationally that rely on her as an advisor. Her contribution to driving change in the community has earned her recognition and trust from local, national, and global powerhouses.





## Newcomer of the Year



Ananda Kripa  
**2021 NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

Ananda Kripa is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, visionary, dreamer, and advocate. She's a woman who sought for belonging and found hers by bridging the gap between "the us and them." Ananda thrives by seeing life through the eyes of her daughters, Jamuna, Tulasi, and her beloved Shitzu - Luna. Ananda supports local businesses through TOPPICK Media, community events like Plano Family Expo and Mystic Mandala; a Holistic Health studio in Plano.



Ashley Gentry  
**2020 NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

Ashley Gentry is an owner and Top Producing Realtor with RedBranch Realty. Her desire to affect change goes beyond advocating for homeownership rights at the local and state levels. Through her involvement with the Junior League of Collin County, she has been introduced to many opportunities to serve. Recently, she had the privilege of assisting the Brain Injury Network of Dallas in the creation of a therapeutic community garden. She hopes to inspire others to become passionate about servant leadership.

## Non-Profit Professional of the Year



Jessica Weidman  
**2021 NON-PROFIT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Jessica Weidman is Development Director for Texas Women's Foundation (formerly Dallas Women's Foundation), which is one of the largest women's foundations in the world, advancing economic security and leadership opportunities for Texas women, girls, and families. Her leadership experience includes the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Greater Dallas, Covenant Church - McKinney, and the Advisory Board of the Junior League of Collin County. She is also a dedicated wife and mother of two.



Barbara Green  
**2020 NON-PROFIT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Barbara Green's professional and volunteer life involved working with children and their families as an elementary school teacher and then as a children's program supervisor in an international organization. Her career with Children's Health started at the Dallas flagship hospital in 1999 as Concierge, and then Volunteer Services. She consulted on hospital services expansion planning for the Plano campus. For the first four years after opening the Plano hospital, she served primarily on the Dallas campus with frequent visits to the Plano campus to assist with their Volunteer Program. In 2013, Barbara moved full-time to the Plano campus to manage the Volunteer Program, coordinating all volunteer-related activities and events with internal volunteers, community groups and individuals, and local corporate efforts.

# Volunteer of the Year



Mimi Conner  
**2021 VOLUNTEER  
OF THE YEAR**

Mimi Conner, before joining Lovepacs, was incredibly involved in the Plano community. She teaches aquatics and safety educational programs within her community. She has a strong passion to serve. Mimi is a Leadership Plano graduate of Class 22, 2014 Plano Chamber recipient of The Fred Moses Minority Business of the Year Award, 2017 Small Business Person of the Year, and Community Partner Award honoree from My Possibilities. Mimi and Stephen have been married for 41 years; they have three daughters and four grandchildren.



Almas Muscatwalla  
**2020 VOLUNTEER  
OF THE YEAR**

Almas Muscatwalla's journey to volunteerism began as an Ismaili Muslim under the guidance of Spiritual leader, His Highness the Aga Khan. She is a proud graduate of Leadership Plano and the Leadership Arts program. Almas is the Founder and Executive Director of Faith Forward Dallas and chair of the Interfaith Council of Thanks-Giving Foundation. She serves on many boards such as the Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, Project Unity, Family Gateway, and Thanks-Giving Foundation. Her goal is to bring diverse people together on the common ground of gratitude, human dignity, compassion. Almas believes that worshipping God and serving humanity are the only two purposes of life.

# Young Professional of the Year



Joyce King  
**2021 YOUNG  
PROFESSIONAL OF  
THE YEAR**

Joyce King is the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Operations Leader at Wells Fargo, supporting global DEI programming and strategy. She has grown her career across various business lines and different states since 2005 as a part-time teller during college. Her volunteer activities include Big Brothers Big Sisters, Dallas Pets Alive!, and veterans service organizations. Joyce is a proud Texas A&M graduate and is currently pursuing her MBA at Auburn University. She hopes to inspire others to become passionate about servant leadership.



Megan Nguyen-Trinh  
**2020 YOUNG  
PROFESSIONAL OF  
THE YEAR**

Megan Nguyen-Trinh is a Vice President and Relationship Manager at Bank of America. Megan has spent 17 years in banking, and in 2016, the Global Chamber Dallas recognized her as a Global Banker for Exporters of the Year. Megan currently serves on the board of the Frisco Education Foundation, Frisco Chamber of Commerce, and is a graduate of Leadership Frisco. Megan and her husband have two kids. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, baking, and crafting.



## Nominees 2021

Sara Akers	Anita Paxton
Kim Cubbage	Angela Poen
Tabitha Davidson	Mandy Price
Dr. Jennifer Duewal	Jackie Rakowski
Beth Gable	Pranavi Reddi
Anita Hawkins	Sandy Riestra
Dr. Myrtle Hightower	Dorly Roy
Julie Holmer	Jan Rugg
Kaanji Irby	Tiffany N. Scott
June Jenkins	Leena Sharan
Jamee Jolly	Shelly Spaulding
Tawanda Jones-Franks	Eleanor Stimpson-Drake
Brenda Keen	Whitney Stuard
Lindsey Lederer	Dollie V. Thomas
Joyce Logan	Dr. Tamara Thomas
Victoria MacArthur	Ruth Thompson
Alicia Makaye, Ph.D.	Tiara M. Tucker
Michele Maynard MacArthur	Janet Vermillion Moos, RN
Barbara Milo	Lori C. Villarreal
Maria Moffatt	Shirley Nix Ward
Cynthia Nwaubani, CPA	Tawnia Wise
Karuna Pai Thomas	

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