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NAWBO Announces 6th Annual OWL Award Winners

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(Sacramento, CA) – The Sacramento chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners honored outstanding women business leaders throughout the Sacramento region on November 6, 2003 at the 6th Annual OWL (Outstanding Women Leader) reception and awards dinner. The event, which was held at Arden Hills Country Club, was a great success with Host Kitty O’Neal of KFBK and over 200 attendees present in support of women in business. In addition to the traditional OWL award trophies, this year’s winners also received a Certificate of Appreciation from Senator Barbara Boxer.

“There were so many outstanding applications this year,’ began Holly Wilkerson, NAWBO Executive Director, ‘that we added an additional award category acknowledging the accomplishments of women who achieve business success despite unfavorable circumstances. This year’s first achievement against all odds award was received by Dr. Julie Vails of Vails Family Practice in Elk Grove. Dr. Vails’ life began as a young girl dealing with poverty and teen parenthood and ended with a strong businesswoman and physician in private family practice. What a way to end an already magical evening.”

Congratulations to all of the 2003 OWL Award Winners:

Wise Woman Award - Business Woman of the Year

Carla Vasquez
CV Logistics, Inc.

Executive Woman Award - Senior-level executive woman in corporate America

Linda Clifford
C.C. Meyers, Inc.

Woman Innovator Award - Successful ownership in a non-traditional business

Leilanie Steers
KLS Air Express

Luminary Award - Individual instrumental in lighting the way for others (mentoring or volunteering within the community)

Michelle Payne
A Hand Up Coaching

Vision Award - Organization demonstrating exemplary vision in providing opportunities for businesswomen

Susan Field
Bright Beginnings



Woman on the Way Award - Woman in business for less than five years

Cynthia McCoy

A Pet's World Academy

Achievement Against All Odds – Business woman achieving success despite unfavorable circumstances

Julie Vails, M.D.

Vails Family Practice

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About NAWBO

The National Association of Women Business Owners is the premier voice of women entrepreneurs in the country. Representing the over 62,000 women business owners in the Sacramento Metro area, NAWBO-Sacramento is dedicated to empowering women entrepreneurs through business development, education, advocacy and visibility programs.

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