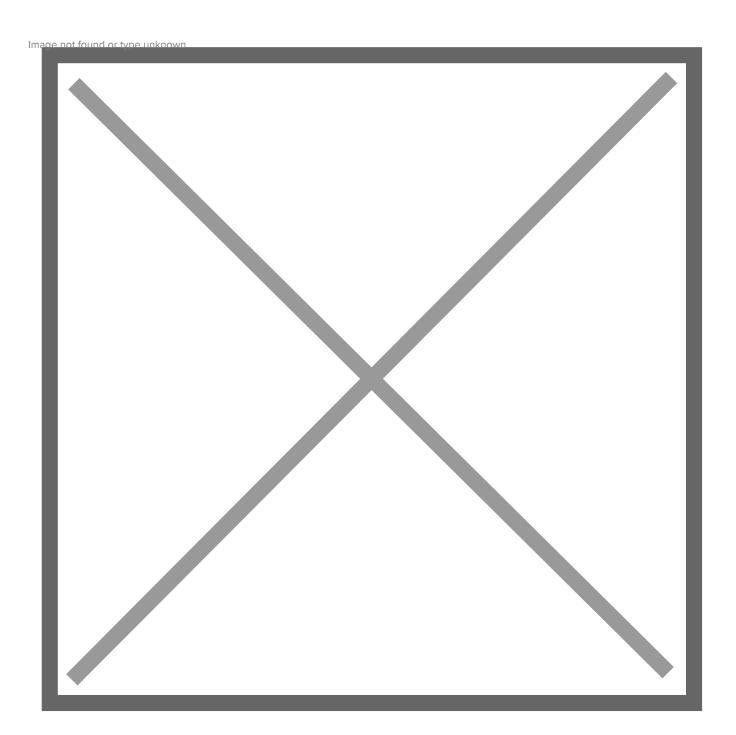


Ritchie Honors "Women of Distinction"

PATTY RITCHIE May 2, 2014

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State Senator Patty Ritchie honored more than two dozen "Women of Distinction" from Central and Northern New York—including advocates, activists, teachers and change-makers—at a special ceremony Thursday at Watertown's historic Flower Memorial Library.

"I'm always humbled by the actions and accomplishments of the women I recognize though the Women of Distinction program, and this year was no different" said Senator Ritchie.

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outstanding leaders and everyday citizens from the present who are making a difference.

"This group truly gives new meaning to what it means to be a woman in today's society—they're bright,
determined, selfless and most importantly, working to make a difference in the communities we live in."
The Women of Distinction program honors women's history in the Empire State by recognizing

This year's honorees include the following:

Jefferson County

Joanne Lazore

Cari McAvoy

JoAnn Reed

Oswego County

Stacy Austin-Root

Jane Backus

Melissa Baker

Amanda Capeling

Norene Cook

Karrie Damm, LMFT

Sandy Delano					
Carol Gazitano					
Kelly Glasgow					
Tracy Henry					
Michelle Hughes					
Maureen McClain					
Melanie Proper					
Denise Simmons					
Roxanne Stuart					
Reverend Brenda Weissenberg					
Reverend Meredith Williams					
Susan Witmer					
Teresa Woolson					
St. Lawrence County					

Ilene Burke

Virginia Davey

Imogene Wager

Lila Youngs