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Award: HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

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Christine P'Simer has found great joy in seeing children grow and learn. A public school educator for 36 years, she began her career in Plainedge Public Schools in 1985 as a math and computer science teacher after receiving her degree in Educational Administration from Long Island University. She went on to become Plainedge Director of Staff Development, then Principal of Plainedge Middle School followed by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and eventually appointed the esteemed position of Superintendent.

As Superintendent, Ms. P'Simer has strived to promote positive relationships among Plainedge board members, teachers, parents, administrators, students and the community. Under her leadership, the Town of Oyster Bay, members of the community and the school district formed an intermunicipal partnership that is working together to build the Plainedge Community Park on a piece of property that once belonged to the district.

Ms. P'Simer's achievements as Superintendent include overseeing the creation of an academic program that allows students to challenge themselves at all levels, and embraces a philosophy that encourages them to seek and reach their own potential. As a champion of technology who understands how today's students embrace it, she has supported innovative uses of technology in the classroom, making Plainedge one of the leaders in this area. She also played an instrumental role in developing the Plainedge teacher evaluation system, which ensures teacher accountability while encouraging high levels of professional development.

Ms. P'Simer truly embodies what it means to be a Woman of Distinction. She has devoted her life to encouraging and inspiring the children of Plainedge to continue learning and, in turn, has made her community a better place to live.