



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Holly Tanner

Holly Tanner is known for her professional service, efficiency and dedicated community service, hallmarks of her successful tenure as Columbia County Clerk. Elected in 2002, Ms. Tanner has faithfully served Columbia County taxpayers for 17 years.

Born and raised in Ghent, Ms. Tanner is the proud daughter of dairy farmers Walt and Jean Nyfeler. Growing up, Ms. Tanner was very involved in the family farm and agricultural organizations. In 1986, she was named Columbia County Dairy Princess and was a member of the Milkmen and Buccaneers 4H Clubs, showing registered Jersey cows and her horse, Lady.

Ms. Tanner has saved Columbia County taxpayers millions of dollars through efficient operations, transitioning to computerized records, launching successful marketing and revenue campaigns and an inactive records center. Ms. Tanner implemented the popular FAVOR (Find and Assist Vets on Record) Program for Columbia County veterans and the KISS (Keep Identities of Seniors Safe) Program for Columbia County seniors.

Ms. Tanner served as President of the New York State Association of County Clerks (NYSACC). She is NYSACC's Hudson Valley Regional Co-Chair, is a member of New York State Local Government Records Advisory Committee Region 3, NYSACC's Courts Committee, Legislative Committee, SAFE Act Committee, and is current Co-Chair of the New York State DMV Committee.

Ms. Tanner serves as President of the Hudson Lions Club, is past Chairperson of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's Advisory Committee, the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties, and the Columbia County Honor-a-Vet Committee. She sits on the Hudson Flag Day Committee and is a member of the Columbia County Honor-a-Vet Committee.

Ms. Tanner was named NYSACC's Clerk of the Year in 2011 and, in 2012, she received NYSACC's Achievement Award. She received the Lincoln Award and the Columbia County Sportsmen Federation Recognition Award in 2011, and the Columbia County Conservative Party Recognition Award and the Columbia County Good Scouting Award in 2015, respectively. In 2018, Ms. Tanner was honored with NYSACC's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ms. Tanner resides in West Ghent with her husband, Ron, and their two children, Lauren and W. Gavin, along with a number of pets.

***Holly Tanner was selected as a
2019 Woman of Distinction honoree by Senator Daphne Jordan.***

