

From the Pacific Business News:

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/news/2017/01/13/introducing-pbns-2017-women-who-mean-business.html>

Introducing PBN's 2017 Women Who Mean Business

Jan 13, 2017, 12:21pm HST Updated: Jan 18, 2017, 7:52am HST



PBN

Our Women Who Mean Business honorees for 2017 are an exceptional group of Hawaii business leaders from industries ranging from banking to energy to health care to tourism.

This year's honorees in the Industry Leader and Women to Watch categories were chosen from more than 150 nominations.

They will be honored, along with [this year's Career Achievement honoree— Kitty Lagareta](#), CEO of Communications Pacific — at the Women Who Mean Business event on March 9 at The Modern Honolulu in Waikiki. The largest women-owned employers, who will be announced soon, will also be honored at the event.

So without further adieu, meet the 2017 Women Who Mean Business honorees:

INDUSTRY LEADERS

[Dani Aiu](#), Senior Vice President and Director of Branch Banking, American Savings Bank

[Lorraine Akiba](#), Commissioner, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission

[Mary Ann Barnes](#), President, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii

[Ruth Ann Becker](#), Founder, Chair and CEO, Becker Communications

[Shari Chang](#), CEO, Girl Scouts of Hawaii

[Mona Choy-Beddo](#), Senior Vice President and Regional Manager, HomeStreet Bank

[Jennifer Hee](#), Chief Development Officer, The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands

[Jaime S. Horton](#), Vaccine Research Scientist, Hawaii Biotech

[Malia Kaaihue](#), Partner and President, DTL LLC

[Kelly King](#), Co-founder and Vice President, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies LLC

[Luana Maitland](#), Director of Cultural Events and Activities, Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort

[Joleen Medore Prongay](#), Owner, Pink's Creamery

[Noriko Namiki](#), CEO, YWCA of Oahu

[Teri Orton](#), General Manager, Hawaii Convention Center

[Jasmin Rodriguez](#), Director of Communications, Marketing and Philanthropy, Castle Medical Center

[Tricia Rohlfing](#), Vice President of Finance, Hawaii Pacific Solar LLC

[Tammy Teixeira](#), Vice President, HEMIC

[Beti Ward](#), CEO, Pacific Air Cargo

[Denise Yamaguchi](#), CEO, Hawaii Food and Wine Festival

[Lynn Yanagihara](#), M.D., Pediatrician and Chair of Straub Physician Leadership Council, Straub Medical Center

WOMEN TO WATCH

[Laura Cristobal Andersland](#), Owner, Salty Wahine Gourmet Hawaiian Sea Salts LLC

[Amanda Ellis](#), Special Advisor, East-West Center

[Elisia Flores](#), CFO, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue

[Farrah-Marie Gomes](#), Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of Hawaii Hilo

[Emily Layman-Perkins](#), Project Manager, Booz Allen Hamilton

[Cayenne Pea](#), Principal, Alakai Development

[Emily Reber Porter](#), Executive Vice President of Strategy and Operations, The MacNaughton Group

[Mahealani Richardson](#), Anchor, Hawaii News Now

[Gidget Ruscetta](#), COO, Pali Momi Medical Center

[Susan Utsugi](#), Senior Vice President and Director of Business Banking, Central Pacific Bank



Janis L. Magin
Real Estate Editor
Pacific Business News