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First Medina County ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient Selected

The first annual ATHENA Leadership Award® in Medina County was presented to Barbara Dzur, Marketing Director for the Gerspacher Real Estate Group, on September 18, 2013 at Williams on the Lake. Twelve women were honored as “Women of Our Community” and the ATHENA Leadership Award recipient selected from this group. An ATHENA recipient must be exemplary leader who has achieved excellence in her professional career, served the community in a meaningful way and, most importantly, actively assisted women to achieve their full leadership potential.

Dzur is a founding board member of Leadership Medina County, the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund, and the Trinity Rose Foundation. She currently serves on the boards of Main Street Medina, the Trinity Rose Foundation, and the Highland Schools Foundation. She is a member of the Brunswick, Greater Medina, Wadsworth and Valley City Chambers of Commerce, and a Lifetime member of the Medina County Historical Society, Friends of MCDL, and the Community Design Committee.

A former administrator with the Medina County Career Center and the first Executive Director of the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce, Dzur served as Director of Workforce Development and worked for the Medina County Economic Development Corp. Prior to joining the Gerspacher Real Estate Group, she worked a Grants Coordinator for the City of Medina.

Founded over 30 years ago, ATHENA International is a women’s leadership organization that supports, develops and honors women leaders through the programs it administers. ATHENA’s flagship program, the ATHENA Leadership Award® Program, has honored over 6500 women leaders from hundreds of cities and eight countries since its inception in 1982. The Medina County program is facilitated locally by Medina County Women’s Journal, a licensed ATHENA host organization.

ATHENA Leadership Award® Recipients hail from all professional sectors. The award's rich history, international scope and emphasis on mentorship make this award unique and amongst the most prestigious leadership awards one can receive.

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