



K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year Announces 2019 Award Nominees

Senior Vice President of Rogers Radio, Julie Adam will host a speaker panel for the award's 46th-anniversary ceremony held at LOT42.

(Waterloo Region, ON – September 23, 2019) – Sixty outstanding women and organizations from across Waterloo Region have been nominated in ten categories and will be recognized at the annual [K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year](#) ceremony on Monday, October 7th at Oktoberfesthaus at LOT42. This annual award pays tribute to distinguished women in the community.

Julie Adam, senior vice president of Rogers Radio, will host a speaker's panel at this year's award ceremony, proudly presented by Deloitte. With over 20 years of experience in radio and broadcasting, Adam is a force in her industry, recognized as Canada's first female vice president of programming. She will be joined on stage by Melissa Bubb-Clarke, VP of Music & Live Events Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment and Janice Smith, VP of Rogers National Media Sales.

"We are honoured to celebrate all the amazing women and organizations recognized at this year's event" said Tim Beckett, festival president. "All of these nominees are working to make Waterloo Region a great place to live and work, and contribute to the local community in so many different ways. We look forward to recognizing them at the awards ceremony."

Each of the women and organizations has been nominated by fellow residents of the Region and will be recognized at the 46th annual K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year ceremony.

Here are the nominees in each of the 10 categories:

Arts & Culture (sponsored by Piller's Fine Foods) recognizes women for enriching the culture of our community through the creation or promotion of the arts on a volunteer or professional basis.

Carina Francioso (Cambridge)
Margo Hartley (Kitchener)

Nicole Guse (Waterloo)
Heidi Wall (Elmira)

Community Service (sponsored by Rogers TV) recognizes women for generously volunteering time to programs and services that make our community a better place.

Joan Driver (Kitchener)
Ann Hill (Conestogo)
Lois Norris (Waterloo)
Jane Tuer (Kitchener)

Olesia Fiodorova (Waterloo)
Michelle Liu (Waterloo)
Lacey Smith (Wellesley)

Entrepreneur (sponsored by RE/MAX Solid Gold Realty Ltd. - Ken Cameron) recognizes women for initiating and/or administering an enterprise or business.

Ada Barlatt (Waterloo)
Courtney Fonseca (Waterloo)
Mary Beth Kennedy (Waterloo)
Laura Prust (Gadshill)
Stephanie Soulis (Kitchener)

Shelby Behling (Kitchener)
Teresa Huegle (Waterloo)
Donna Litt (Waterloo)
Tiffany Rezende (Cambridge)

Group Achievement (sponsored by Rogers Communications) recognizes achievements by a group of women that impact and/or improve our community or our society.

100+ Women Who Care
Canadian Federation of University Women, Kitchener-Waterloo (CFUW K-W)
Clean and Tidy
Coalition of Muslim Women KW
LipOffKW
The Maker's Collective
Moms in Biz Giving Circle
Muslim Women of Cambridge
Omas Siskona of KW
The Culinary Studio
Women in Computer Science, University of Waterloo

Health & Wellness (sponsored by Greater KW Chamber of Commerce) recognizes women for promoting and helping others achieve and promote mental, physical or spiritual well-being in her career or community involvement.

Jackie Gerlach (Waterloo)
Dr. Kristijana Rakic (Heidelberg)
Cassie Smith (Kitchener)

Sue MacQueen (Waterloo)
Kathie Shaw (Waterloo)
Rebecca Williamson (Kitchener)

Lifetime Achievement (Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest) recognizes women for being role models, mentors and/or advocates for positive and social change throughout their lifetime.

Wendi Campbell (Kitchener)
Mary Chevreau (Kitchener)
Machelle Denison (Kitchener)
Jackie Gerlach (Waterloo)
Teresa Huegle (Waterloo)
Mary Beth Kennedy (Waterloo)
Kelly-Sue Oberle (Waterloo)
Tracy Valko (Kitchener)

Heather Caron (Kitchener)
Kathrin Delutis (Kitchener)
Joan Driver (Kitchener)
Margo Hartley (Kitchener)
Helen Kelly (Brantford)
Sue MacQueen (Waterloo)
Jane Tuer (Kitchener)

Professional (sponsored by CHYM 96.7, Country 106.7 & 570 News) recognizes women for dedicating themselves to the pursuit of excellence in their chosen careers.

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Machelle Denison (Kitchener)
Helen Kelly (Brantford)
Kelly-Sue Oberle (Waterloo)

Heather Caron (Kitchener)
Kathrin Delutis (Kitchener)
Heather Hennessy (Kitchener)
Kristen Little (Cambridge)
Tracy Valko (Kitchener)

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (sponsored by EthelTech Information Systems Incorporated) recognizes women for outstanding advancement to the field of STEAM.

Hilary Bergsieker (Waterloo)
Komal Singh (Kitchener)
Jessalyn Teed (Breslau)

Sherry Shannon-Vanstone (Campellville)
Lauren Smith (Waterloo)

Sports & Recreation (Sponsored by Movati Athletic) recognizes women for actively participating, coaching or volunteering in sports or recreation.

Aleah Ciciretto (Kitchener)
Loren Gabel (Kitchener)

Michelle de Jong (Waterloo)
Tamara Grant (Kitchener)

Young Adult (14 to 25) (sponsored by the Kitchener Fire Department) recognizes young women for leading by example and being a role model to her peers.

Lauren McLennan (Kitchener)
Marisa Rankin (Kitchener)
Meena Waseem (Kitchener)

Genevieve Merz (Waterloo)
Mylene Tu (Waterloo)

A few recent notable past recipients of the award include Mandy Bujold, Mary D'Alton and Diane Freeman.

The K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year awards are proudly supported by Rogers, Sobeys, Deloitte, Sherwood Systems, Fresh Look Design and Brentwood Livery.

About Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest

Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is Canada's Greatest Bavarian Festival. The not-for-profit organization was founded in 1969 by a group of volunteers committed to contributing to the social and economic vitality of Kitchener and Waterloo, Canada. Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest annually provides \$21.8 million of economic benefit to the community, while not-for-profit organizations associated with the festival raise funds each year for their causes. Hosted in the twin cities because of the strong German heritage, Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest celebrates German food, music, fashion, and more! The nine-day festival runs every October and is operated by six year-round full-time staff, over 450 volunteers, and 1,300 community and service club volunteers. Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is one of the top three most recognized event brands in Canada. For more information visit www.oktoberfest.ca.

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