

McKnight's WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

On Thursday, May 16, McKnight's held its first annual McKnight's Women of Distinction awards ceremony.

A sold-out crowd filled the eclectic EvolveHer workspace in Chicago to honor 21 Hall of Honor inductees, 19 Rising Star honorees and Lifetime Achievement winner Lynne Katzmann.

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It was a star-filled night

In its first year, the *McKnight's* Women of Distinction program showcased tremendous talent in the eldercare field.

The joint program of *McKnight's Long-Term Care News* and *McKnight's Senior Living* resulted in more than 300 nominations.

The nurse who rose through the ranks, the entrepreneurs, the corporate stars, the 68-year-old who recently added volunteer firefighter to her resume. They, and others, came from coast to coast to be honored.

"It's an honor to call myself a *McKnight's* Rising Star, in addition to be part of the first class," said Berenice Galvez-Soto of HealthPro Heritage. "I love that *McKnight's* is recognizing women in the industry," added Hall of Honor inductee Crystal Bowens, Ph.D., CB Strategies and Solutions.

PointClickCare was the platinum sponsor of the program, and Simply Connect/Eldermark was the gold sponsor.

**For more information about individual winners, visit <https://www.mcknights.com/tag/women-of-distinction/>*

Top: Thirty-one winners attended on May 16. Clockwise from mid-right: Vanessa Brookes, Director of Quality at Friendly Senior Living; Jamie Dlatt, VP of Operations at Legacy Healthcare, with friends; Jennifer Cisneros, Administrator, The Williamsport Home.





Far left: McKnight's first Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Lynne Katzmann, of Juniper Communities. Clockwise from left: Tammy Jo Painter, VP of Compliance and Operations, American Medical Facilities Management; Katzmann flanked by Hall of Honor honorees Lori Alford, COO of Avanti Senior Living, and Brenda Bacon, CEO of Brandywine Living. Behind them: Hall honorees Jamie Dlatt and Stephanie Harris, Arrow Senior Living.



Clockwise from above left: Pilar Carvajal, CEO of Innovation Senior Management; Sarah Belmont, SVP at Brookdale Senior Living with McKnight's Senior Living Senior Editor Lois Bowers; Women of Distinction judge and AAPACN CEO Tracey Moorhead with Wendy Simpson, CEO and President of LTC Properties; Rachel Monger, LeadingAge Kansas' VP of Government Affairs; Jennifer Maina, MDS Coordinator at Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America; Andy Leebron-Clay, owner of Nightingale Healthcare, with her son, Pete Wolkin, also of Nightingale. The night's celebration drew nearly 200 guests. It included cocktails, light refreshments, trophy presentations and plenty of networking opportunities.



Lynne Katzmann, Ph.D.
Founder, President and CEO
Juniper Communities
McKnight's Women of Distinction
Lifetime Achievement Winner for 2019

Congratulations to the 2019 Women of Distinction Honorees

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