

What makes an ATHENA Leader?

LIVE AUTHENTICALLY: Being true to yourself. *Leaders know their values and remain true to them.*

LEARN CONSTANTLY: Continues development of skills and competencies. *Leaders seek knowledge.*

ADVOCATE FIERCLY: Passionate, personal devotion to something that matters deeply. *Leaders champion what they believe is right.*

ACT COURAGEOUSLY: Willingness to stand alone and speak the truth. *Leaders dare.*

FOSTER COLLABORATION: Value the gifts of each individual. *Leaders welcome others to the work of leadership.*

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS: Genuinely connect with those around you. *Leaders engage, empower and trust.*

GIVE BACK: Leave a legacy for your community and world. *Leaders serve.*

CELEBRATE: Memorialize moments. *Leaders remember and rejoice.*

**Nominate a worthy
Barry County
ATHENA Leader Today!**

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The ATHENA award program recognizes exemplary women. Each year, the Barry County Chamber of Commerce recognizes two ATHENA Award recipients: the Young Professional & ATHENA Leader.

ATHENA Young Professionals



Megan Lavell, 2011



Shauna Swantek, 2012



Lyndsey Fischer, 2013



Korin Ayers, 2014



Kimberly Rodriguez, 2015



Kristina Hooson, 2016

ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award

Nominees are *emerging* women leaders meeting the following criteria:

1. Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in her profession
2. Devoted service in improving the quality of life for others
3. Clearly serve as a role model for young women both personally and professionally

ATHENA Award Winners



Lani Forbes, 2009



Carla Neil, 2010



Jan Hartough, 2011



Rebecca Fleury, 2012



Bonnie Hildreth, 2013



Margie Haas, 2014



Sandi Drummond, 2015



Norma Jean Acker, 2016

ATHENA Leadership Award

Nominees are women who must meet each of three specific criteria:

1. Assist women in reaching their full leadership potential
2. Demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in her profession
3. Devoted service in improving the quality of life for others

Nomination Deadline: Nov. 22, 2017

How do I nominate a worthy leader?

1. Download the nomination form from www.mibarry.com or email travis@mibarry.com.
2. Complete the nomination form. Express life impacts with personal stories. Share specific professional accomplishments. **BE THOROUGH!**
3. Submit the completed form by the deadline to:
Barry County Chamber of Commerce
221 W. State St., Hastings 49058 or email travis@mibarry.com
4. Call the Chamber at 269-945-2454 with questions.

The Selection Process

- Committee consists of past ATHENA & ATHENA Young Professional award recipients, Chamber leadership & Leadership Barry County Representatives
- Committee reviews applications using ATHENA International guidelines
- Nominees are kept confidential! Only the award recipients will be made public at the Chamber Annual Dinner
- Nominees are eligible for consideration in following years