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**Award:** HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

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Janice Barto has been a committed educator at Tioga Central School for the past 25 years. Over that time, she has taught, coached, advised and nurtured the minds of thousands of students in her community.

Ms. Barto has devoted much of her career toward substance abuse education and prevention, serving as an advisor for Students Against Drunk Driving and YES! LEADS, a unique youth leadership program focused on drug and alcohol prevention. She has worked with SADD for 25 years and with YES! since its inception in 1989.

As part of the YES! Program, Ms. Barto supervises 50 high school leaders each year as they work to educate students in grades 3 through 6 about the dangers of substance abuse. She helps them plan fun and safe activities, like their annual Christmas Social for 5th and 6th graders.

Ms. Barto also coordinates YES! LEADS student volunteers each year at the summer recreation program, which is attended by hundreds of elementary students; she has held several positions there, including Director, Co-Director and Character Education Director.

During her teaching career, Ms. Barto served 12 years on the Tioga Central Teachers Association Board, where she has also served on the Executive Committee and as Vice President and President.

Outside of school, Ms. Barto is just as active in working with children in the community. She coached Nichols-Tioga Little League for two years and has held the positions of Board Member, Player Agent and President. She also spent four years as the Tioga Youth Softball Coach.

Ms. Barto is an active Newark Valley Baptist Church member, teaching Sunday School for the past 15 years, and volunteering in the nursery for 17 years.

Ms. Barto graduated from State University of New York at Cortland and has two children, Danielle and Derrick.