



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## RITCHIE HONORS 22 “WOMEN OF DISTINCTION”

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State Senator Patty Ritchie recognized 22 local “Women of Distinction” for their contributions to our region at a special ceremony held Thursday at the historic Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library in Watertown.

“This year’s honorees represent such a wide variety of talents and accomplishments—everyone from educators and community volunteers to individuals in

public service and entrepreneurs,” said Senator Ritchie.

“These women are true trailblazers who could have taken their talents anywhere. However, as a community, we’re so very lucky they have decided to put them to use right here in our region. I’m humbled to be able to honor them, and wish them the best of luck as they continue to make a difference.”

Those honored Thursday include:

**Jefferson County**

Kathleen Carr

Hilary Davis

Nichol Dwyer

Megan Klosner

Aileen Martin

Mary Mitchell

Colleen O’Neill

Sarah Sugden

**St. Lawrence County**

Ann Adams

Joyce Ann Thomas Dalton

Susan Duffy

Mary Farley

Patti Laraby

Carol LaSala

Marlinda LaValley

Sherry Stone

Judith Van Kennen

**Oswego County**

Virginia Donohue

Catherine Gill

Cheryl Nevius Rogers

Jillian Shaver

Barbara Sugar

In addition to recognizing honorees, Thursday's ceremony also featured a special performance by the "Camerata Singers" from the Carthage Central School District.

The New York State Senate's "Women of Distinction" program honors women's history in the Empire State by recognizing outstanding leaders from the present who are making a difference. To learn more about this year's honorees, [click here](#).

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*Pictured in above photo in the front row, from left to right are:*

*Patti Laraby, Carol LaSala, Colleen O'Neill, Jillian Shaver, Nichol Dwyer, Mary Mitchell and Cheryl Nevius Rogers.*

*Pictured in the back row, from left to right are:*

*Senator Patty Ritchie, Ann Adams, Aileen Martin, Sherry Stone, Sarah Sugden, Marlinda LaValley, Susan Duffy, Hilary Davis, Catherine Gill, Megan Klosner, Mary Farley and Judith Van Kennen.*