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2015 Women in Business Nominees

Weikmeister commands respect from superiors, subordinates and clients. She has consistently demonstrated leadership in the development and implementation of successful sales strategies, detailed proposal development and interview facilitation skills that have resulted in major client wins, including landing significant projects with Los Angeles World Airports.

Dr. Mary Wickman, Director of Nursing, Professor of Nursing Vanguard University, Costa Mesa

Dr. Mary Wickman has made significant contributions to Vanguard University, the nursing profession, and the Orange County community at multiple levels. Her profession as a nurse and educator has touched the lives of many students in Orange County who are in the process of becoming a registered nurse or who are pursuing a higher degree in nursing. Wickman has doubled student numbers in the nursing program, and developed a new educational leadership graduate option for students seeking to be nurse leaders. She is involved in continuous research support at various health care organizations to help staff with research and evidence-based practice skills. She currently serves in various capacities at Vanguard University, beyond the classroom. This includes the university faculty senate, member of the assessment committee, the graduate program committee and the school for professional studies committee.



Diane Wittenberg, Audit Partner Haskell & White LLP, Irvine

Diane Wittenberg has close to 30 years of experience in accounting, serving as a partner since 2002 at Haskell & White, one of the largest independently owned accounting, auditing and tax consulting firms in Southern California. Wittenberg is a leading force within the Haskell & White business model, working with privately held and public middle-market companies to conduct their audits and meet compliance requirements. Wittenberg has stood out as a leader within the financial services community since scoring in the Top 10 on the May 1985 California CPA exam. She goes beyond her management and accounting role by being a mentor, both formally and informally. She developed a flexible work policy for Haskell & White, demonstrating that professionals can achieve a balance between professional and personal commitments. A testament to her leadership abilities, she is responsible for the firm's training program and is an invaluable resource for those seeking information about the latest regulatory requirements.



Catherine Wolfe, Senior Director, Corporate & Strategic Communications Toshiba America Medical Systems Inc., Tucson

Cathy Wolfe is one of a select group of women holding a senior-level position and helping to navigate Toshiba's future.



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established a proven record with a ROI through coaching engagements. Before starting her own company, Dr. Wong worked in the technology industry for companies that included IBM, Xerox and Sun Microsystems advancing into many leadership roles. At Sun, she founded and was the president of the women's organization that included over 2000 women



worldwide. With this achievement, she was recognized by her peers when they selected her for the highly coveted "Making a Difference" Award.

Jennie Wong, Area Chair & Lead Faculty University of Phoenix, Costa Mesa

As a dedicated faculty member for 22 years, Jennie Wong facilitates several University of Phoenix (UOPX) courses every year and provides University of Phoenix students information in areas where she is knowledgeable. Wong strives to support the university and make the students feel proud about their college program. Part of being a UOPX faculty member is to have a profession. Wong is currently a human resources generalist for Potts & Associates LLC. Her duties at Potts & Associates include providing various employment services to clients: representation at an employment hearings, training, writing policies and procedures, counseling employers, human resources services at employment sites, safety audits, etc. Holding this position enhances Wong's effectiveness and knowledge at the University of Phoenix.



Cindi Wudyka, Director of Business Development Platinum Resource Group Inc., Irvine

Given her 20 years of sales and recruiting experience, it was natural for Cindi Wudyka to join Platinum Resource Group and to help expand the company's clientele with her high energy and positive attitude. Utilizing her previous executive business development positions in high technology and hospitality supporting Fortune 500 companies, Wudyka has introduced a vast and unique range of clientele for Platinum Resource Group. Additionally, her passion for relationship building, combined with her approachable and unforgettable personality, has helped the business create a growing presence in the professional community. Platinum Resource Group is a professional-level, boutique staffing firm.



Irene Lee Wyatt, Principal-in-Charge FPL and Associates Inc., Irvine

Irene Lee Wyatt, Esq. is the daughter of Dr. Fong-Ping Lee who founded FPL and Associates in 1988. Together they have grown the small Irvine engineering firm to great success. Wyatt is responsible for approximately half of FPL's \$3-million per annum gross business portfolio and serves as principal-in-charge. She is a talented and confident leader who manages the complex challenges of the business with clients, partners and key transportation agencies. She epitomizes the saying that "behind every great man stands a great woman," as she efficiently and strategically executes her job responsibilities on \$1-billion-plus landmark infrastructure projects to perfection. Wyatt's Chinese heritage embodies filial loyalty, courtesy, and diligence and she and



publications have praised their product and concept including LA Times, OC Weekly, OC Register, NBC LA and many others. Creamistry is made-to-order liquid nitrogen ice cream. Creamologist utilize over 50 premium ingredients to prepare customized, handcrafted frozen treats.



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