

Kimberly Guadagno
Lieutenant Governor, The State of New Jersey

The current and first Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey, elected twice to this position, Kimberly Guadagno also serves as the 33rd Secretary of State. She leads efforts to improve New Jersey's economic vitality, encourage job growth, and streamline government. She chairs the Red Tape Review Commission, an ongoing review and reform of the State's regulatory processes; the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force, charged with forging an effective blueprint for securing the long-term growth and viability of New Jersey's military bases and US Coast Guard installations; and oversees the promotion of the state's \$40 billion tourism industry and administers programs related to the arts, culture and history.

Kim was also the first female sheriff elected in Monmouth County. She fought crime, strengthened community outreach and enacted and expanded innovative initiatives such as "Project Lifesaver", using bracelets with radio tracking devices to allow location of at-risk persons. She was the first sheriff in New Jersey to institute a medical ID program to ensure appropriate response by medical and law enforcement personnel.

A graduate of Ursinus College with a juris doctorate degree from American University's Washington College of Law, she was a federal prosecutor with the Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force in Brooklyn, New York. She served as deputy chief of the corruption unit for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey and deputy director in the Division of Criminal Justice. She has received two Director's Awards from the United States Department of Justice, a Special Achievement Award from the US Attorney's Office and Honorary Doctorates from New Jersey Institute of Technology and William Patterson University.

This Woman of Achievement was nominated by NJSFWC Past State President Linda Babeuf and NJSFWC Special State Project Chairman Vivien Finn.

Sandra Ramos
Advocate for Women, Children and the Homeless

Sandra is the founder and Executive Director of Strengthen Our Sisters. This complex, serving the West Milford and Wanaque area, includes a 177-bed shelter program serving homeless and battered women and children. She worked to acquire funding and oversaw renovations for a main shelter complex, an annex shelter, two licensed day care centers, an economic development building, three transitional shelters, a senior house, and a drug/alcohol rehabilitation shelter. She is the founder and Executive Director for Shelter Our Sisters, which provides a 24-hour emergency shelter for rescue assistance and counseling in Teaneck and Hackensack. Sandra was the Founder and Director of Family Transitional Institute, Bergen and Passaic Counties, developing programs to teach families alternatives to violence with an emphasis on teen and intergenerational violence.

She was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence and was featured in a documentary film about battered and homeless women and children, "Not in My Backyard". She was the keynote speaker at 1st World Conference Women's Domestic Violence Shelters, and has served as an expert court witness.

She has received the Soroptomists Award, the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners Rose & Scroll Award and the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders Recognition and Appreciation for "Outstanding Contribution to the Citizens of Passaic County". She was chosen Woman of the Year by the Passaic County Freeholders and was the recipient of the Bergen County Urban League Humanitarian Award.

Sandra earned a bachelor's degree in women's studies and sociology from Ramapo College and a master's degree in applied urban anthropology from City College of New York. She has been an adjunct professor at William Paterson University, Ramapo College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Felician College, and Baruch College in New York.

This Woman of Achievement was nominated by Theresa Cavanaugh, a 1998 Woman of Achievement.

Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt
Executive and Author

Victoria is a graduate of the New Jersey College for Women, now known as Douglass Residential College. After graduating with a degree in English, she went on to become a fashion model and teen fashion director at Bamberger's, fashion editor at Woman's Day Magazine, public relations spokesperson for Owens Corning Fiberglass and to establish her own public relations and advertising firm. Governor Thomas Kean appointed her Director of Travel and Tourism, where she inaugurated the campaign, "New Jersey and You – Perfect Together".

Her first book, *Triumph in Exile*, is a novel which celebrates a woman with a strong voice who wanted to make a difference. *Finding Solitary Contentment* was written after the loss of her husband Ralph to Parkinson's disease to offer women a wide range of resources to find ways of handling grief and embracing life. *Move On* is a structure for women on how to rebuild a broken life following the loss of a significant partner. After her husband's death, she was inspired to write *Remembering the Loved One You Lost* to honor him.

Victoria is a former Associate Alumnae of Douglass College Board President and became the benefactor of the annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt Career Conference for Douglass Women, a daylong event on topics ranging from career opportunities to managing finances. She shared her own experiences and her books at a presentation at the Mabel Smith Douglass Library, "Intergenerational Conversations with Douglass Women".

She was inducted into The Douglass Society in 1986, honoring her achievements as an author and leader in state government, and received the March of Dimes Virginia Apgar New Jersey Women of Achievement Award.

She prides herself on living every day to the fullest and shares "how to live a young life in your 90's" on her Facebook Page, "Victoria's Secrets".

This Woman of Achievement was nominated by Valerie Anderson, Executive Director of the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College.

Marjorie Langlinais Strohsahl
Community Leader and Volunteer

Marjorie is a dedicated and charismatic volunteer who, seeing a need, acts. Following the death of an aunt burned in a fire, she reached out to the National Burn Foundation and began an awareness campaign through fundraisers and letter writing. As a result of the letter writing campaign, an anonymous \$1,000,000 donation was made, making it possible to open the St. Barnabas Burn Unit. Learning of the difficulties in early diagnosis of scleroderma, Marjorie educated herself, organized fundraisers, and wrote public service announcements. Seeing first-hand the struggles a family experiences when coping with mental illness, Marjorie agreed to serve for “a short time” as secretary of the Sussex County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness New Jersey. Her work led to the chapter receiving the Outstanding Affiliate Revitalization Efforts Award. She has involved individuals and organizations in mental illness awareness and treatment, including veteran’s groups, first responders and clergy.

She was instrumental in founding the Sparta Historical Society, is a charter member and past president of the Ogdensburg Historical Society, where she secured a grant to restore the schoolhouse and firehouse museum, and is a charter member of the newly formed Lake Mohawk Historic Committee. She was instrumental in forming “First Graders for Food”, which restocked her local food pantry with seven tons of food. Marjorie is an EMT, active in her church and an active club woman, having served as president of Sparta Woman’s Club and the Past President’s – Highland District. She has held several positions on the NJSFWC State Board.

She has received numerous awards including Burns Pioneer from the National Burn Foundation, the Order of the Rose from Beta Sigma Phi International and the Affiliate Leadership Award from NAMI New Jersey. She has been placed on the NJSFWC Honor Roll and the Order of the Lily

This Woman of Achievement was nominated by Patricia S. Whitehouse, NJSFWC Past State President.