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National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Hosts its First Annual Bravo Awards
A diverse group of Broward County's women entrepreneurs and community leaders nominated to receive honors
Dr. Elizabeth King, IHC Founder/CEO is a NAWBO Bravo Award Finalist

Broward County, FL – The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Chapter, has named 15 women entrepreneurs and community leaders as nominees for its First Annual Bravo Awards presentation.

The signature event will be held **March 1, from 6-9 p.m.** at the Westin Hotel, located at 400 Corporate Drive in Fort Lauderdale.

The Bravo award was created to recognize women entrepreneurs' inspiration, innovation and risk-taking ability of to create significant contributions in their communities. Of the 15 nominees, five, in the areas of **Diversity**: women of diverse ethnicities who demonstrates outstanding achievement as a business owner; **Media**: women in television, radio, newspaper, magazine, or other media who leverages her presence to promote women's business issues or community advocacy; **Spirit of the Community**: women who are non-profit community leaders or elected officials making a positive difference in the South Florida communities; **Go Green**: women in business or business owners who exemplify environmental consciousness; **Young Women Entrepreneurs**: business owners between 13 and 25, will receive the award.

The nominees for *Diversity* include: **Yesenia Collazo**, Collazo Law Firm, PA; **Julia Harper**, Thera Peeds, Inc. and **Dr. Elizabeth King**, International Holistic Center. *Media*: **Sharlyn Lauby**, International Talent Management Group; **Trina Robinson**, NBC 6 news anchor and meteorologist and **Maxine Tulloch**, Tulloch Media Group. *Spirit of the Community*: **Dr. Ann Mody Lewis**, Women's Journey; **Carmen Miller**; McKinley Financial Services and **Dawn De Marco**, Sparkle of Life. *Go Green*: **Daniell Washington**, The Big Blue and You Foundation and **Caridad Montano**, Dade County Public Schools, Terra Environmental Research Institute. Young Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: **Amy Kulp**, Beaded Delights; **Lindsay Giambattista**, Taylors Closet and **Shea Gould**, Shea's Bakery.

Dinner, networking and a silent auction are included in the evening's events. Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend. Tickets for the dinner and awards presentation are \$35 for NAWBO members, \$45 for non-members. To RSVP, visit NAWBO-ftl.org. The deadline for program sponsorships is Feb. 19. Forward your ad to Ida Jolie, nawboBravoAwards@gmail.com.

About NAWBO

Found as Association of Women Business Owners in 1975 by a group of like-minded businesswomen in the D.C. area, the National Association of Women Business Owners propels women entrepreneurs into economic, social and political spheres of power worldwide by: Strengthening the wealth creating capacity of our members and promoting economic development within the entrepreneurial community; creating innovative and effective change in the business culture; building strategic alliances, coalitions and affiliations; transforming public policy and influencing opinion makers.