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Area women to receive Erskine Award

Five women whose outstanding professional accomplishments have made life better for their community, especially for women and girls, will receive the YWCA's Katharine F. Erskine Award during the 19th annual Tribute to Women tomorrow at a luncheon at Mechanics Hall.

The recipients and categories in which they are being honored are: Lynne McKenney Lydick, arts and culture; Allison Lane, business and law; Janice Yost, social service and government; Melinda Boone, education; and Dr. Phyllis Pollack, medicine and science.



Dr. Pollack is a pediatric cardiologist. She is an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where she previously directed the Division of Pediatric Cardiology, founded and directed the Pediatric Echocardiography Laboratory and co-founded the Young Adult Cardiac Clinic. Dr. Pollack also founded the Fetal Cardiology Clinic at Memorial Hospital.

She has mentored medical students, pediatric residents, cardiology fellows and junior faculty, and was the first co-chairman of the Women's Faculty Committee. She has served on committees for the Worcester District Medical Society and is a founding member of the Women's Caucus.

The Katharine F. Erskine Awards are named in honor of a woman who was an advocate for women for 80 years. She was a member of the YWCA as a teenager in the early 1890s and served as president of the YWCA twice: in 1930 and again in 1960 during the building campaign to construct the current facility at 1 Salem Square.