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**KATHLEEN RIEGLER, THE CHEESE LADY, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER
AT THE ANNUAL ATHENA ON THE LAKESHORE AWARD LUNCHEON**

Muskegon, Michigan – Kathleen Riegler, *The Cheese Lady*, will be the guest speaker for the 15th Annual ATHENA on the Lakeshore Award luncheon. Kathleen's small business has grown to become a woman-owned franchise across the state of Michigan. Join us to learn about her personal journey to success on the lakeshore. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at the Spring Lake Country Club (17946 N. Fruitport Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456.)

The ATHENA awards are presented annually to recognize those who have demonstrated excellence in their business or profession, have provided valuable service by devoting time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in their community, assist women in reaching their full potential and who exhibit the spirit of regional collaboration. This year we celebrate nine ATHENA Award Finalists and 10 ATHENA Young Professional Award Finalists.

2019 ATHENA Award Finalists

Michelle Anthes, *McShane & Bowie, PLC*

Tabatha Barber-Duell, *MHPP- North Ottawa Women's Health*

Kathryn Drake, *Grand Haven Area Public Schools*

Karen Fredricks, *Multistate Insurance Agency*

Cara L. Galbavi, *Cara Galbavi Law*

Poppy Sias Hernandez, *Community Affairs, Governor Whitmer*

Judith Kell, *Mercy Health Muskegon*

Brianna Scott, *Brianna T. Scott & Associates, PLLC*

Barbara Lee VanHorssen, *Extended Grace/Momentum Center for Social Engagement*

2018 ATHENA Young Professional Award Finalists

Sara Barco, *True Self Consulting LLC*

Samantha M. Ferguson, MPA, *Community Foundation for Muskegon County*

Lauren Grevel, *Grand Haven Area Community Foundation*

Courtney Jackson, *Muskegon Museum of Art*

Catherine Mott, *Muskegon Museum of Art*

Tina Orchard, *ChoiceOne Bank*

Morgan Rescorla, *Best Financial Credit Union/County Teachers Insurance Agency*

Holly Schroeder, *Manpower*

Abby Selby, *Selby Tax & Accounting PC*

Kara Zielinski, *United Way of the Lakeshore*

Reservations are required for the Tuesday, October 1, 2019 event. Cost to attend is \$35 per person for Chamber members, \$55 per person for non-members or \$400 for a corporate table of eight. A portion of the proceeds supports local leadership programs. Reservations can be made by visiting www.muskegon.org or calling the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce 231.722.3751.

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ATHENA International is a non-profit organization that seeks to support, develop and honor women leaders. Since the program's inception in 1982, more than 7,000 awards have been presented in over 500 communities across 8 countries. ATHENA on the Lakeshore is a program of the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg. PNC Bank is the premier sponsor.