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3rd Annual Celebration of Excellence Luncheon 2002

Saturday, May 11, 2002
Scott's Restaurant, Jack London Square, Oakland

Keynote Speaker: Belva Davis (*see bio below*)

Award Recipients: LaDoris Hazzard Cordell (*see bio below*)
Kate Pryor (*see bio below*)
Donna Milgram (*see bio below*)
Madiha Awa (Youth Award Recipient)

Honorary Chairs:

- Joyce Roche, National Director of Girls Inc.
- Renel Brooks-Moon, Radio/TV Personality
- San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer
- Carol H. Williams, CEO, C.H.W. Ad. Agency
- Rep. Wilma Chan, California State Assembly

Event Committee: Samarial Brown (Chair), John Abrate, Romy Amos, Kristin Butler, Gordon Fullmer, Kimberlee Garfinkle, Stephanie Guckert, Dorie Guess Behrstock, Mary Kenney, David Mercado, Betty Rossi

*Keynote
Speaker:***Belva Davis**

For more than thirty years, Belva Davis has been reporting on the San Francisco Bay Area. As the first African-American broadcast reporter on the west coast, Belva Davis has an unusual perspective on the civil rights movement, the women's movement, and California's constantly changing cultural landscape. She has interviewed Martin Luther King, Jr., Robert Kennedy, Malcom X, and migrant rights crusader Cesar Chavez.

Born in Monroe, Louisiana, and raised in Oakland and Berkeley by her mother's family, Davis could not afford college. With no formal training in journalism, she learned about journalism by freelancing for Jet magazine and writing for an East Bay black newspaper.

Davis has worked for KPIX-TV, KQED Public Television 9, KRON-TV and This Week. She has won several dozen awards for her journalism, including national recognition for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Ohio State, San Francisco State and the National Education Writers Association. She has won six Emmys, a Certificate of Excellence from the California Associated Press Television and Radio Association, and two honorary Doctorates for her television work and community service - the first from John F. Kennedy University and a second from Golden Gate University.

*Award
Recipient:***LaDoris Hazzard Cordell**

LaDoris Cordell is a former judge who now serves as Vice Provost on Campus Relations as well as Special Council to the President at Stanford University. A 1974 graduate of Stanford Law School, Cordell became the first African-American woman judge in Northern California when she was appointed to the Municipal Court of Santa Clara County in 1982. In 1988, Cordell overwhelmingly won election to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, becoming the first African-American woman to sit on the Superior Court in Northern California, where she served for 18 years.

*Award
Recipient:***Kate Pryor**

Kate Pryor owns Tucker's Super Creamed Ice Cream in Alameda. A native of Alameda who grew up loving the ice cream shop she would someday own, Pryor was a single mother of two small children when she bought Tucker's in 1990. While raising a family and running her own business, Pryor also found time to donate time and money to local schools and community organizations. For her efforts, Pryor won the 1995 Alameda Business Woman of the Year Award.

*Award
Recipient:***Donna Milgram**

Donna Milgram is founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Women in Trades, Technology & Science, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to integrating women in traditionally male-dominated occupations. Milgram is also Executive Director of the Women in Policing Institute, is the leader of Cisco System's Gender Initiative and is Principal Investigator for the WomenTech Project funded by the National Science Foundation. In 1992, Milgram testified before Congress as an expert witness on sexual harassment of women in nontraditional occupations. She lives in Alameda.