



Advocates for Victims of Violence, Inc.

Tenth Annual Women of Distinction Awards

Women of Distinction awards recognize women who have made a significant contribution to their communities and to the advancement of women in our society. Advocates for Victims of Violence, Inc. is pleased to bring this program to the Valdez community. The celebration and dinner will be held on Saturday, October 21st, 2017.

What defines a Woman of Distinction?

A **Young Woman of Distinction** is an exceptional young woman aged 17-30 (Birthday 10/21/1987 or later) who is an inspiration to others by:

- Demonstrating leadership, maturity, and compassion.
- Demonstrating initiative, perseverance, innovation, and achievement.
- Her commitment to a cause or pursuit of a personal dream.
- Being a role model for other young people.

A **Woman of Distinction** inspires others.
She has achieved outstanding success by:

- Being a leader. She demonstrates integrity and leadership characteristics.
- Being a role model for others.
- Breaking new ground or old barriers.
- Demonstrating strong civic, professional, and/or philanthropic commitment and achievement.
- Guiding, supporting, and encouraging the development of others.
- Showing vision, creativity, and initiative.
- Making a sustained commitment and significant difference.
- Being respected by her community for her contributions.

Women of Distinction Nomination and Selection Process

Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination, a woman must be a resident of the Valdez area. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Current members of the AVV Board or AVV staff are not eligible. Previous years honorees are not eligible for re-nomination for a period of three years.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee is composed of:

- At least two community members
- Two members of the AVV Board of Directors
- One AVV staff member

The Nominations will be evaluated as follows:

- In relation to the published selection criteria.
- Only on the merit of the submission materials received.
- During the review process, the committee may contact nominees, nominators or supporters to confirm/clarify information.
- The deliberations of the Selection Committee and AVV Board of Directors are confidential. All decisions of the AVV Board are final.
- Nominations received after the published deadline will not be considered.

Women of Distinction Awards

- All 2017 Women of Distinction will be honored at the Awards Celebration on October 21st, 2017.
- Winners of the *Bette Cato Inspirational Award* and the *Bette Cato Rising Star Award* will be announced. These awards include a monetary prize of \$500.
- 2017 Women of Distinction will be recognized in media announcements regarding the event.

Please email executive@avvalaska.org for nomination forms and details on the complete nomination and selection process. Call 835-2980 for more information.