

ATHENA

The ATHENA Award is presented in recognition of the achievements of an outstanding professional or business leader who has also assisted others in reaching their full leadership potential.

Three primary criteria are used to select an ATHENA Award recipient. They must have demonstrated excellence in their business or profession, have devoted time and energy to their community in a meaningful way and most especially, ATHENA recipients have generously assisted women in achieving their full leadership potential.



The sculpture is a bronze and crystal statue on a black marble base. Viewed from various angles, the form's outstretched arms can be seen to express the celebration of achievement and reaching out to others.

The marble base represents the recipient's solid foundation. The unique textures of the bronze differ on each sculpture, just as the life experiences of the recipients differ. The cut crystal symbolizes the many facets of human character and the light emanating from the recipient.

Sculptor Linda Ackley chose Athena, the dynamic goddess of Greek mythology, as her inspiration for the sculpture. Wise and valiant daughter of Zeus, Athena was a deity of resolute courage and wisdom, guided and enlightened by reason.

Each unique sculpture is numbered as one of a select edition. Linda Ackley creates each bronze sculpture using the laborious lost-wax technique in her foundry located in Tampa, Florida.

GREATER SHREVEPORT CHAMBER PAST RECIPIENTS

1991
Dr. Patricia Thompson

1992
Francene Miller

1993
Sandy Cimino

1994
Diana DeCharles

1995
Arlena Acree

1996
Ann McLaurin

1997
Linda Johnson

1998
Dr. Essie Holt

1999
Annette Hall

2000
Judy O. Williams

2001
Dr. Bettina Hillman

2002
Bonnie Dubin

2003
Simone Hennessee

2004
Angie Teagle

2005
Linda Biernacki

2006
Lori Cheramie

2007
Ollie Tyler

2008
Debra Lindsey

2009
Helen Godfrey-Smith

2010
*Ginger
Clarke*