

## 2021 NEVADA WOMEN'S FUND VIRTUAL SALUTE TO WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Nevada Women's Fund is pleased to announce that we will hold a *Virtual Salute to Women of Achievement* event in 2021! This year, our theme is "Courage Spreads, Too!" We certainly have witnessed remarkable acts of courage by so many in our community. We want to take the opportunity through this event to recognize and thank those who have helped us make it through this extraordinary past year.

Although this year *Salute to Women of Achievement* will be organized differently due to Covid, we remain very proud to move forward with recognizing and celebrating the determination, passion and dedication of women in our Northern Nevada community, and the businesses and employers that support them.

Since 1982, Nevada Women's Fund has made a huge impact on women's lives, raising and awarding more than \$8 million in local funding to support education scholarships to individual women and funding grants to local non-profit organizations for needed family services. This annual event raises funds to sustain our mission of empowering achievement in women and families with 100% of the funds raised from the luncheon staying in northern Nevada.

Nevada Women's Fund invites you to recognize an outstanding woman in your organization, field of work or community at the *Virtual Salute to Women of Achievement* on May 27, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Please visit our website at [nevadawomensfund.org](http://nevadawomensfund.org) for more information.



Keynote speaker, Dr. Jen Welter is the first female coach in NFL history, serving a powerful role model and an inspiring reminder that barriers are meant to be broken.

Her career is studded with firsts, making history when she coached the Arizona Cardinals' inside linebackers for their 2015 training camp. Prior to that, she became the first woman to coach a men's professional football league team as a linebacker and special teams coach for the Indoor Football league's Texas Revolution. She was also the first woman to play running back in a men's professional football season with the Revolution. Another first is being featured as the first female head coach in the video game, Madden NFL 20, the American football video game based on the league.

Jen is focused on the importance of being a female role model in sports. Her unique story courageous and sure to inspire you.

Dr. Angie D. Taylor has a long history of excellent leadership, people development and community service. In December of 2014, she was appointed to the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, becoming the first African American to serve in that capacity. In 2016, she was elected Board President by her colleagues and followed by being elected in 2017 and re-elected in 2020 by the citizens in District E. In addition to serving on the WCSD Board, Taylor is the President and Chief Executive Officer for Guardian Quest, Inc., an organization specializing in providing training, organizational development and leadership solutions for corporate, government, educational and military clients across North America. She is also the Founder/CEO of ExcelQuest Community Development Corporation, a training agency that works specifically with the faith-based community and small non-profit organizations.

Regardless of her role, Taylor is committed to adding value and making a difference. She is passionate about many things and has intentionally positioned herself to work within those areas. Education, personal development and faith highlight the areas she loves while also driving her courage and success.





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## President's Message

When connecting with our board and the community about one word to describe this past year, COURAGE was, and continues to be, the word that resonates most. Courage to persist in a challenging time. Courage to have patience and trust. Courage to accept change. Courage to strive for innovation and to learn new things. Courage to move forward, and even to execute our Salute to Women of Achievement in a new way this year!

Courage is what has filled our community and can be seen each and every day among our front-line workers—in medical, fire, law enforcement and agency coordination, among our teachers, restaurant employees, volunteers, and every essential worker.

Courageous too, is our friend and this year's Salute to Women of Achievement speaker, Dr. Jen Welter, the first female coach in NFL history. In 2015, Dr. Welter made her statement when she became the inside linebackers' coach for 2015 Arizona Cardinals' training camp. She will fascinate you with her fierce determination.

Hall of Fame Honoree, Dr. Angie Taylor, holds a long presence of excellent leadership, people development, and community service. With intention and purpose, she has positioned herself professionally to provide volunteer skills and training to community in the areas of education, diversity/inclusion, leadership, and faith. In every role, Angie is committed to adding value and making a difference.

This resonates with the Nevada Women's Fund as we have been working to make a difference in the lives of women and their families since 1982 and we have been recognizing those women who make a difference in their companies and in our community since the first Salute to Women of Achievement in 1992.

Salute to Women of Achievement is your day to celebrate with the 2021 class of courageous women, recognized by the many corporations and organizations in our region. The path is rarely straightforward; but with supporters at your back, and more female trailblazers out there than ever before, achieving education and career goals in the worlds of business, sports, entertainment, science, politics, medicine, technology, mining and beyond.

I look forward to celebrating the courageous women of achievement in our community during our 2021 Nevada Women's Fund Salute to Women of Achievement! We hope to see you (virtually) on May 27.



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## NWF Celebrates the International Women's Day!



## Jill Winter Endowed Scholarship for Women in Science



***You are invited to join  
the efforts of Nevada  
Women's Fund and  
donors like Jill to  
provide even more  
women with  
scholarship  
opportunities!***

The Nevada Women's Fund mourns the recent loss of our good friend, Jill Winter. Jill was a former NWF board member and NWF Woman of Achievement. She was an activist in the most positive sense of the word. Jill advocated for women and education.

Jill studied civil engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and then spent 10 years working as a journalist and editor of several technical publications and as a structural designer, until her move to the US in 1972. Jill worked for a number of years for the Phelps Dodge Corporation as a geological drafter and office manager while studying political science and economics at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and Reno, graduating BA with honors in 1979. From 1979 until 1984 Jill was employed by the Political Science Department at UNR as an instructor teaching courses designed to promote women in politics and their economic empowerment. She was awarded her MA in political science in 1986.

As part of her legacy, Jill created an endowed scholarship fund with the Nevada Women's Fund. Starting in 2021, Nevada Women's Fund will award funds to deserving women from Northern Nevada studying political science, economics or engineering. As a community, we thank Jill and her family for their generosity and dedication to the Nevada Women's Fund mission.

***Please contact our office for more information!***  
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## ***Mother's Day is coming soon!***

Nevada Women's Fund gives you the opportunity to honor your mother or mother figure with a donation in her name as a gift for Mother's Day, which is on May 9, 2021!

We will be posting details on our website soon!  
[nevadawomensfund.org](http://nevadawomensfund.org)



## Mark your Calendar!

**2021 Virtual Salute to  
Women of Achievement**  
May 27, 2021

**2021 Power of the Purse**  
November 19, 2021

## Nevada Women's Fund Mission

The Nevada Women's Fund is dedicated to strengthening its community by empowering women to uplift their lives and those of their families. We identify critical social needs and address those needs through scholarships and community grant-making.



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