



A T H E N A
I N T E R N A T I O N A L

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR - 2026

ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the **2026 Annual ATHENA EMERGING PROFESSIONAL of the Year Award**.

The **EMERGING PROFESSIONAL Leadership Awards Program** recognizes and honors the achievements of outstanding professional and business women. It celebrates individuals who strive toward the highest level of accomplishment; women who excel in their chosen field but who also open paths so that others may follow.

- **The EMERGING PROFESSIONAL Leadership Award** winner demonstrates the qualities embodied in the ATHENA Leadership Model and who:
 - *Has achieved the highest level of professional excellence.*
 - *Demonstrates excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession*
 - *Provides valuable service by devoting time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.*
 - *Actively assists others, particularly women, in realizing their full leadership potential.*

NOMINEE: NAME: _____

TITLE / POSITION _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

NOMINATOR: NAME_____

 EMAIL _____

 PHONE _____

REFERENCES (INCL. LETTERS OF SUPPORT)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS & LETTERS OF SUPPORT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN August 17, 2026.

RETURN TO: ATHENA SELECTION COMMITTEE

C/O PALO ALTO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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