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*Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1974*

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Judith Anne Bensinger  
Chicago, Illinois

Judith Anne Bensinger, daughter of Edwin and Bethel Schneebeck of Chicago, is a physician to Headstart Centers and Goodwill Industries.

For the past four years, Dr. Judith Bensinger has been working as a physician in 68 centers for the Headstart Health Program in Inner City, Chicago, under the Chicago Council of Urban Opportunity's Model City Program. She has also worked as Director, Organizer, and physician for Goodwill Industries Medical Clinic.

Dr. Bensinger received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University with honors in biochemistry, and continued her studies to earn her medical degree. She served her internship at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

She is on the Board of Directors for the Family Life Achievement Center of Child Abuse, and on the Board of Trustees for the Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and The Villages of Dr. Karl Menninger. She was a delegate to both a White House Conference on Youth, and a regional conference on implementation.

Judith Bensinger is a member of the Royal Society of Health in London; of the American, Chicago, and Illinois Medical Associations; on the State of Illinois Commission on Children; the Chicago Urban League, and the University of Chicago Woman's Board. She is also the current president of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Junior Governing Board.

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Lelia Kasenia Foley  
Taft, Oklahoma

Lelia Kasenia Foley, daughter of Willie and Canzaty Smith of Taft, is the Mayor of Taft, Oklahoma.

Long active in community service work, Lelia Foley combines her roles as Mayor, board member, clubwoman, and mother of five children with positive results! She has been employed as a teacher aide for Moton Elementary School; as assistant director and later director, of the Taft Community Action Center; assistant community director of Northeastern Oklahoma Community Development, and as a public relations representative for the Muskogee County Community Agency.

Among the many community and professional organizations with which she is affiliated, Lelia Kasenia Foley is president of the Taft Young Women's Leadership Caucus; chairman of the Taft Development Foundation, and a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Working toward community betterment, Ms. Foley belongs to the Muskogee County Health and Economic Development Association, and to the Muskogee County Narcotic Board. She has received the Admiral Award from the Governor of Nebraska, and recently was honored by the Afro-American Patrolmen's League.

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Linda Louise Glenn  
Omaha, Nebraska

Linda Louise Glenn, daughter of Robert and Ann Glenn of Bossier City, Louisiana, is Executive Director for the Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation.

Following her Bachelor of Science degree in Education at the University of Mississippi, Linda Glenn earned a Masters degree in Special Education. She is presently a doctoral candidate in both Education Administration and Business Administration at the University of Kansas, in addition to her position with the Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation.

Ms. Glenn has formerly worked as research assistant for the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute, and as the director of research and planning for both the Greater Omaha Association for Retarded Citizens, and the Eastern Nebraska Community Retardation Office. She was also the technical assistance director for the University of Kansas Bureau of Child Research Systems Technology.

Linda Glenn edited a professional publication for the American Association of Mental Deficiency, and has been an outstanding contributor to the National Society for Autistic Children.

Presently listed in Who's Who Among American Women, she is on the Board of Directors for the Greater Omaha Association for Retarded Citizens. She belongs to numerous organizations including the National Association of Retarded Children and the American Association of Mental Deficiency. Ms. Glenn was formerly on the President's Advisory Council of the Greater Omaha Association for Retarded Children, and a member of the Data Analysis Advisory Committee of the Comprehensive Health Planning Council for the Midlands.

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Gilda Maria Iriarte  
Washington, D.C.

Gilda Maria Iriarte, daughter of Celestino and Gilda Iriarte of Santurce, Puerto Rico, is Special Assistant to Congressman Jaime Benitez.

In addition to her position as special assistant, Gilda Iriarte also serves as Staff Economist and as Special Assistant to the Administrator of the Office of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in Washington, D.C.

She received her Master of Arts degree from Boston University. Gilda Iriarte edited the Wage Price Stabilization Program's supplementary issue of the Federal News Report. She is the author of "The Family Assistance Plan and Its Implications for the Commonwealth" and of "Guidebook, Federal Programs' Digest for Puerto Rico."

Ms. Iriarte attended the National Governor's Conference held in San Juan where she represented the Washington, D.C. Governor's Office, and served as hostess. She has also attended national meetings on environmental quality, including the Governor's Conference at Portland, the Coastal Zone Management Conference in Boston, and the Spanish-Speaking Affairs Conference.

Inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society, Gilda Iriarte is involved in professional and civic programs including the National Organization for Women, in which she is executive vice-president for the Washington, D.C. chapter. She was appointed by Mayor Walter Washington to the D.C. Commission on the Status of Women, and is its executive committee secretary.

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Ellen Irene Kirby  
Petersburg, West Virginia

Ellen Irene Kirby, daughter of Earl and Neva Groves of Maysville, West Virginia, is a public health nurse for Grant County. She attended the Texas Woman's University College of Nursing and Physical Modalities Institute, Inc., and Rockingham Memorial Hospital School of Nursing where she received her RN degree.

Ellen Kirby is involved in several civic and professional activities including the Parent Advisory Counsel, as advisor on health care for children; the American Nurses' Association; the West Virginia Nurses Association; the National Registry of Registered Nurse Therapists; in 4-H programs, and church activities.

She frequently attends educational courses and workshops in nursing, where she improves her medical skills in such areas as the treatment of arthritis, heart defects, nursing of the stroke patient, and rural health.

The National 4-H Foundation and the West Virginia University Cooperative Extension Service selected Ellen Irene Kirby as goodwill ambassador to Norway. Not only has she been the West Virginia Delegate to the World's International Farm Youth Exchange Conference, but also the only IFYE representative from West Virginia to the International 4-H Programs Workshop in 1972. In the same year, she was selected as first runner-up in state competition for Young Career Woman.

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Dianne Stone Milhollin  
Moscow, Idaho

Dianne Stone Milhollin, daughter of Harry and Ruby Stone of Boise, Idaho, is not only a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the state of Idaho, but is a published author, poet and scholar.

She was consistently on the Dean's List while at the University of Idaho where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. From 1966 to 1969 Dianne Milhollin attended the University of California at Davis, received her Master of Science degree, and maintained high scholarship for the entire term.

Dianne Stone Milhollin has been an English teacher, and instructor of Home Economics in the public schools; was a teacher for the blind in the public schools, and a Home Economics and Daily Living Skills instructor at the Sacramento Society for the Blind. Mrs. Milhollin wrote an article published in the American Diabetes Association Forecast, and composed a poem published in the National Anthology of College Poetry.

Currently a member of the University Cities Diabetes Education Program as a speaker, she is also a member of the Idaho Personnel and Guidance Association, and of the National Rehabilitation Association. Mrs. Milhollin is a former member of the National, Oregon, and Idaho Education Associations; the American Home Economics Association, and the American Association of University Women.

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Karel Colette Petraitis  
College Park, Maryland

Karel Colette Petraitis, daughter of Ferdinand and Dolores Petraitis of College Park, is an Associate in the Prince George County Attorney's Office. She is also a student at Hastings Law School.

Karel Petraitis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland, and a JD from George Washington National Law Center. She was tapped for Phi Alpha Theta, an honorary history society; Pi Sigma Alpha, a political science honorary society, and the John Marshall pre-law honor society.

She has worked as state youth director on the "Mathias for Senate Committee," and as a law clerk for Prince George County. Ms. Petraitis has been named the Outstanding Young Republican Woman of America, and was listed in Who's Who in American Politics. She was co-editor of the Official Opinions of the Office of Law, and of "Communique," a county Republican newsletter for which she wrote a series entitled 'Trial by Jury' and 'Inside Marlboro.'

A member of the Prince George County, the Maryland, and American Bar Associations, Karel Petraitis also works with Phi Alpha Delta (a professional law fraternity); Region III Young Republicans, and the March of Dimes.

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Carolyn Louise Stapleton  
Atlanta, Georgia

The first fully ordained clergywoman in the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Carolyn Louise Scapleton -- daughter of Major General (Ret.) Carl W. and Louise S. Stapleton of San Antonio, Texas -- is the Methodist Campus Minister for Emory University.

She attended Michigan State University, received a Bachelor of Arts degree, and was honored at Lantern Night as one of fifty outstanding senior women. Carolyn Stapleton then entered the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and earned her Masters degree.

She gained practical experience as a program director for the Young Women's Christian Association, and as a residence hall director at Southern Methodist University. She began her ministry in Corpus Christi, Texas, as Associate Minister of St. John's United Methodist Church.

Rev. Stapleton was a founding member of Night Call, a telephone counseling service, and of Women for Change, a group exemplifying her belief in women's influence of community action. She is, in addition, active in the United Methodist Women's Caucus, the International Association of Women Ministers, and the Women's Equity Action League.



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Martha K. Schwebach  
Moriarty, New Mexico

Martha K. Schwebach, daughter of Sidney and Alice Keene of Liberal, Kansas, is an Administrator and Family Nurse Practitioner with Hope Medical Center.

She attended the Dominican School of Nurses in Kansas, and the School of Medicine at the University of New Mexico. Martha Schwebach has been a surgical and obstetric floor nurse; a family nurse practitioner with the University of New Mexico Estancia Project, and a lecturer in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico.

She is a member of the American Nurses Association, the New Mexico Nurses Association, the Conference Group on Certification of Nurse Practitioners, the Mid-Rio Grande Health Planning Council, Inc., and the American Nurses Association Council of Family Nurse Practitioners and Clinicians. As a member of the New Mexico Nurses Association, she is district chairman of the certification review committee for family nurse practitioners.

A guest lecturer and author of numerous publications, Martha Schwebach has served as a consultant for Maryland's National Health Service Corporation, the Cooperative Health Service in New Mexico, and has worked for the establishment of Rural Health Clinics both locally and nationally. She received the nation's first Family Nurse Practitioner Honor, National Rural Health Recognition by the American Medical Association, and an Administrator Honor from Hope Medical Center.

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Lynn Dianne Salvage  
New York, New York

A young woman with many interests, Lynn Dianne Salvage -- daughter of Edward Salvage and Rita Lerner of Miami, Florida, and Long Beach, New York -- is an International Banker as well as an amateur skater.

She is presently assistant vice-president of Bankers Trust Company of New York City, and a director of the Bantrus Management Company. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Masters degrees from the University of Pennsylvania; a Masters degree in Business Administration from Harvard University, and a PhD from New York University. Banking affiliations include Vanguard National Bank Advisory Committee; the National Association of Bank Women; the Financial Women's Association of New York, and Money Marketeers.

Until recently a professional figure skater, Lynn Salvage is now an amateur competition racing skater. She belongs to the Eastern Amateur Ski Association, and the Middle Atlantic Association of the Amateur Skating Association of the United States.

Lynn Dianne Salvage participates in numerous civic activities including the Metropolitan Opera Guild; the Manhattan Theatre Club; the Museum of Modern Art, and the Natural History Museum.