

# ATHENA 2001

## Luncheon will honor Brandon

Bernice Brandon, LOC Federal Credit Union, will be honored as the 2001 ATHENA Award Recipient by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber and members of the business community will honor Brandon at a luncheon and fashion show event on Wednesday, May 23, at Farmington Hills Manor in Farmington Hills. The ATHENA Award celebrates an individual who pursues excellence in his/her business profession and service to the community as well as supports women in achieving their full leadership potential.

Brandon has been selected for her outstanding leadership as a business professional, servant to the community and for her work in assisting other women in advancing their personal and professional goals. Brandon is described by her peers as "gentle, friendly, honest, committed and caring."

As the Member Services Coordinator for LOC Federal Credit Union, she establishes contact with small employee groups and

existing FOM companies. She has been responsible for coordinating and presenting financial education courses throughout area school districts served by the credit union.

An active member of the chamber for more than five years, she has served as an ambassador and on numerous special event committees. Outside of her chamber activities, Brandon serves on the board of Steppingstone School and Longacre House and as a volunteer of Boys & Girls Republic. Active with Big Brothers/Big Sisters for six years, she has been a mentor to Cassandra, helping girls navigate their adolescent years.

ATHENA awards are presented by local and state chambers of commerce across the country. Past recipients in the Farmington/Farmington Hills community include: Laura Rembez Catermole, Remtech Business Solutions, Inc. (2000); Sharon Hain-Gaber, Hearts & Roses (1999); Nurten Ural, Ural Interiors (1998); Linda Jolicœur, Target Equipment Leasing (1997); Sandra Hermanoff, Hermanoff &

Associates (1996); Deborah Grant, The Reliance Group (1995); Beverly Papai, Farmington Hills Community Library (1994) and the late Lynda Mlynarek, Botsford Commons (1993).

The ATHENA awards luncheon will feature a fashion show of spring casual apparel for men and women by The Gap and women's professional wear from Clothes Encounters.

The program will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Advance reservations are requested and may be made by calling the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce at 474-3440.



All smiles: Bernice Brandon is the Chamber's 2001 Athena Award winner.

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### INKWELL

#### Longest distance call

Kerri Finlayson, a former Power Middle School student, called the Pathfinder team at Power Middle School from the North Pole on April 24.

The students listened as Finlayson described the events of WomenQuest, an all-women team that skied cross-country more than 150 miles to the true north. Finlayson allowed time for the children to ask questions and encouraged them to reach for their dreams, no matter how difficult.

#### Destination winners

Two Destination Imagination teams from Farmington Schools did well at state competition on April 28 at Central Michigan University.

The St. Fabian/Dunkel Middle School team placed sixth in the middle level for the challenge Mystery Loves Company, and Forest Elementary School placed 12th in the elementary

level for the challenge Dynamite Improv.

#### Blue Lake performers

Power Middle School student Martha Dobbs and Kristina Raymond from Harrison High School will travel to Europe this summer to participate in the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Exchange Program. Dobbs is a ballet dancer



Martha Dobbs

and the daughter of Herb and Kathy Dobbs. Raymond plays jazz drums and is the daughter of Bradley and Marilyn Raymond.



Kristina Raymond

# Sally's

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