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Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Honors Boston's Most Prominent Business Leaders at 2019 Leading Women Awards

Honorees and Girl Scouts use fireside chat to discuss how women's voices have gained power as agents of change

BOSTON, MA (March 7, 2019) — Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts honored four inspirational female business leaders during the 27th annual [Leading Women Awards](#) at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel: **Yvonne Garcia**, Chief of Staff to CEO, State Street Corporation; **Diane Hessian**, CEO, Salient Ventures & Chairman, C Space; **Deb Taft**, Chief Executive Officer, Lois L. Lindauer Searches; and **Amy Koch Flynn**, Head of Trading, Mellon and CEO of xBK, a BNY Mellon Company.

Nicole Estaphan, Reporter and Producer, WCVB Channel 5's *Chronicle*, served as the ceremony's emcee.

Four accomplished local Girl Scouts joined the 2019 Leading Women to present the awards, and for a fireside chat hosted by BNY Mellon: Nikayla Martin, Madison Schofield, Amiya Subramanian, and Kara Young

The fireside chat drew inspiration from the many women across eastern Massachusetts, the country, and the globe who are raising their voices to enact change. The Leading Women and Girl Scouts each shared personal insight into their leadership journeys.

The Leading Women Awards celebrates the power within every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] to change the world. The event highlights how, for more than 100 years, Girl Scouts have been drawing inspiration from successful female leaders in their communities, including Girl Scout alums, business leaders, and those who serve as troop volunteers.

“We’re so grateful to honor this year’s Leading Women, who embody the principles of Girl Scouts (courage, confidence, and character, and making the world a better place), and to offer them a platform to discuss leadership experiences with our Girl Scouts,” says Tricia Tilford, Board Chair and President, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. “These honorees are true examples of what women can achieve, and we look forward to learning how they maneuvered obstacles into a path for success.”

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts embraces diversity and inclusion, and is committed to ensuring all girls in eastern Massachusetts, regardless of their circumstances, have access to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Support for the Leading Women Awards allows Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts to maintain their powerful leadership development programming that prepares girls to empower themselves and enrich their communities. The ceremony is further supported through the generosity of business sponsors, including lead sponsor BNY Mellon.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts has honored more than 250 women with the Leading Women Award since its inception in 1992. The prestigious [list of honorees](#) includes individuals with outstanding careers who have made a significant, positive impact in an impressive array of fields. For more information, visit gsema.org/leadingwomen.

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We're Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) We're 45,000 strong, with 30,000 girls and 15,000 volunteers in 178 communities in eastern Massachusetts who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] to change the world. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. GSEMA is the 10th largest Girl Scout council in the United States, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, join, or learn more, visit gsema.org.