



2006 Athena Award Finalist

Patty Brisben was one of 11 finalists chosen from nearly 100 nominations for the 2006 ATHENA® Award. The ATHENA® Awards were designed to honor outstanding women who have achieved professional excellence, given back to their communities and created leadership opportunities for other women in the Tristate. Other ATHENA® Award finalists included:

- Marion K. Allman, President and CEO, The Art Institute of Cincinnati
- Anne Chambers, CEO, RED marketing and communications
- Beth Gully, Owner, BT Graphics
- Barbara J. Howard, Owner, Barbara J. Howard Co., LPA
- Monica Donath Kohlen, Partner, Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP
- Lauren Rogers, Chief Executive, Communicating the Power
- Patricia Mann Smitson, Partner-in-Charge, Thompson Hine, LLP
- Shantel Thomas, Owner and Therapist, A Sound Mind Counseling
- Sandra Vogel, Executive Managing Director, eWomenNetwork
- Dr. Rebecca White, Director, NKU Entrepreneurship Institute

All finalists were honored in the October/November issue of Cincy Business magazine.

This competition marked the first year that the ATHENA® Award program took place in Cincinnati, which joined the approximately 350 programs in the US, UK and Canada supporting the mission of ATHENA® International.

Founded in the early 1980s by Martha Mertz, a Michigan business woman, ATHENA® International is devoted to supporting, developing and honoring women leaders, to inspiring women to achieve their full potential, and to creating balance in leadership worldwide.

