



Authentic Self, Relationships, Giving Back, Collaboration, Courageous Acts, Learning, Fierce Advocacy, Celebration and Joy

Thank you for your interest in joining the ATHENA Action Committee. The ATHENA Award program began in Grand Rapids in 1989 and exists to honor women and men for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills. More than thirty amazing women have received the prestigious ATHENA Award in Grand Rapids.

We believe strongly in living the principles of ATHENA. As our programs and community expands, we need leaders to intentionally put our principles into action. Through the ATHENA Action Committee, we will create spaces to authentically connect and celebrate those that are fiercely advocating and leading for women in our community.

2021 ATHENA Action Committee Roles

ATHENA Leadership Forums

These events are a time for people to authentically connect across roles, communities and sectors to promote growth for individuals and the community, as a whole. Each topic is based on one of the eight ATHENA Principles. The speaker format may be one person, two people in a fireside chat, a panel, or table leaders. Throughout the event, there will be 1-2 breakouts for table discussions.

2021 Forum Dates:

- February 11
- April 13
- June 8
- November 9

*Each forum will be from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We ask that our ATHENA Action Committee members attend at least one of the Forums scheduled in 2021.

Committee Involvement:

- Promoting events and being intentional to invite and include new people
- Be intentional about including new people or people that are by themselves
- Unofficially lead table discussions to ensure depth and participation

- Actively create a strong ATHENA community where people own their ATHENA power

ATHENA Action Committee Quarterly Uplift Events

The committee will meet bi-monthly to write and send letters of affirmation to women doing great things in our community. This will be an opportunity for committee members to connect with each other and foster ATHENA principles throughout the year. Drinks and light snacks will be provided.

2021 Uplift Dates:

- February 24: 4:30-6:00pm
- April 28: 8:30-10:00am
- June 23: 4:30-6:00pm
- August 25: 8:30-10:00am
- September 22: 4:30-6:00pm
- December 15: 8:30-10:00am

*We ask that our ATHENA Action Committee members attend at least three of the Uplift events scheduled in 2021.

Committee Involvement:

- RSVP via calendar invite
- ATHENA Grand Rapids will provide cards for committee to write words of affirmation to people leading in our community
- Create authentic connection with other ATHENA Action Committee Members