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Diane Pollard

As president of Rainbow Professional Services Corp., a medical billing company, and marketing director of Rainbow Medical Centers, Diane Pollard is dedicated to children, scholarship programs, cultural and community events, women's organizations and health education programs.

Highly successful in business, Pollard and her husband, Dr. Anthony Pollard,



started Rainbow Medical Centers more than 19 years ago.

Pollard is the epitome of a proactive community leader and activist and one who is dedicated to her community and its future. She initiated the Art for Education program that provides scholarships for disadvantaged youth. She has organized seven Las Vegas Juneteenth Festivals; is a member of The Links, Incorporated; Trumpet Awards Foundation; The Urban Chamber of Commerce; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Boys and Girls Club

of Henderson and Summer Camp Fund. Pollard helped to establish The Afterschool Academy and is involved in creating Rainbow Dreams Academy, a charter school for at-risk students grades K-5. The academy will provide students with an academic curriculum that will prepare them to succeed in life and become productive members of society. 🌸

“The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.”

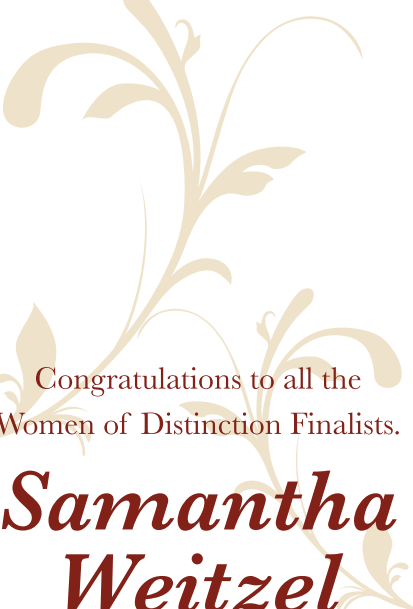
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Dianna C. Russo

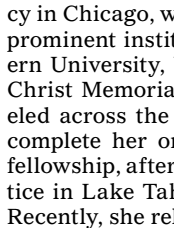
Dianna C. Russo is the managing partner of Houldsworth, Russo & Co., a progressive, entrepreneurial firm that provides accounting services to small-business and nonprofit clients. Her philosophy is to provide small businesses with the necessary tools to grow and succeed. Her goal is to reduce trouble areas and increase successful results.

Russo is well-known in the community as a leader and specialist in providing accounting assistance to small-business and nonprofit organizations. She provides expertise on how a business should be run so that clients can efficiently focus on day-to-day activities and the growth of their business.

Russo functions as a valued team member. In fact, her nonprofit practice consists of more than 100 organizations. Her extensive knowledge in the area has made her a sought-after educator and speaker nationwide. She has been a featured speaker

Dr. Randa Bascharon

Randa Bascharon, D.O. brings a comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach to sports science and orthopedic surgery. Bascharon is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who is fellowship trained in sports medicine. She completed her medical training and orthopedic residency in Chicago, where she worked at several prominent institutions such as Northwestern University, University of Chicago and Christ Memorial Hospital. She then traveled across the country to Lake Tahoe to complete her orthopedic sports medicine fellowship, after which she had a solo practice in Lake Tahoe and Northern Nevada. Recently, she relocated to Las Vegas.



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for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants national conference, the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Non-Profit Services Association. Additionally, she instructs classes for the UNLV/United Way

Non-Profit Management Certification Program.

Russo is a 1992 graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She is licensed in Nevada and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants. Russo has received the U.S. Small Business Administration's Accountant Advocate of the Year Award in the state of Nevada for her work with small businesses and nonprofits. She also received the Rising Star Award from In Business Las Vegas. 🌸



Her interest in sports medicine began in college where she was an athletic trainer at the University of Illinois. She is a board-certified athletic trainer and sports-performance specialist with a special interest in women's health issues.

Bascharon has interacted with some of the world's experts in sports-performance enhancement, training, sports science and research. She has treated Olympic, professional, elite and amateur athletes of all ages and has been the orthopedic surgeon for competitive athletes for an extensive list of sporting events around the country. 🌸