

LOCAL NEWS

YWCA to honor 29 who promote diversity

Staff reports

Twenty-nine people will be honored with diversity achievers awards at the 12th annual YWCA Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism and Promote Diversity Luncheon at noon April 21 at the Oncenter.

The keynote speaker will be Tara Ross, a history professor at Onondaga Community College.

Each year the YWCA invites corporations and organizations to nominate individuals in their organizations or communities for the awards.

Prior to the luncheon, diversity training workshops will be offered from 8:30 to 11:15

a.m. The cost is \$50 for the workshops and luncheon, \$40 for the luncheon only and \$20 for the workshop only.

The award recipients are:
Dr. Keith A. Alford, Syracuse University
Maxine Boney, Sidney Johnson Vocational Center
Mia Burse, Lockheed Martin Corp.
The Rev. Mary Cappa, Abundant Life Christian Center
Nancy Connelly, Onondaga Community College
Dennis J. Connors, Onondaga Historical Association Museum and Research Center
Derrick Dorsey, InterFaith Works of Central New York
Rebecca Fuentes, American Red Cross of Central New

York

Diana Gerrish, Lockheed Martin

Esther Gray, Syracuse University

Dr. Eva Gregory, Upstate Medical University

Geralyn Hall, Upstate Medical University

Thomas H. Hunter, Onondaga Historical Association Museum and Research Center

Gretchen Kinnell, Child Care Solutions

Mark Muhammad, Onondaga Community College

Duane Owens, Anheuser-Busch

April Palozzola, Onondaga Community College

Janet Park, Onondaga County Public Library Mundy Branch

Louise Poindexter, Partnership for Onondaga Creek/Southwest Community Center
Kelly Robbins, Lockheed Martin

Charles Simpson, Upstate Medical University

Dr. David Smith, Upstate Medical University

JoAnne Spoto Decker, Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth

Marilyn Spunar, Carrier Corp.

Joanne Stevens, Syracuse United Neighbors

Gregg Tripoli, Onondaga Historical Association Museum and Research Center

Tanya Lin Hicks, Upstate Medical University

Mary Wiles, Anheuser-Busch

Deborah Willis, American Red Cross of Central New York.