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Senator Pat Jones named 2008 Athena Five Receive Pathfinder Award

SALT LAKE CITY- (August 28, 2008) State Senator Pat Jones has been named the 2008 Athena and will officially receive the award November 18 at the Salt Lake Chamber's American Express Women & Business Conference and Wells Fargo Athena Award Presentation.

In addition to her duties at the Capitol, Senator Jones is also President and Co-owner of Dan Jones & Associates, Inc. She is also actively involved in Chamber activities as a member of the Education Committee and the Board of Governors.

"Pat embodies the spirit of the Athena," said Lane Beattie, President and CEO of the Salt Lake Chamber. "She is a great example to aspiring business women, giving of her time and talents selflessly, not only to run her business, but also to our community, our legislature and to her wonderful family. The Chamber is proud to present her with this award."

Active in two of her industry's most important organizations, the Qualitative Research Consultants Association (QRCA), and the Marketing Research Association (MRA), Senator Jones also received the prestigious Quintus C. Wilson Alumni Achievement award from the Department of Communication at the University of Utah. She served six years in the Utah State House of Representatives, and currently serves in the Utah State Senate.

In addition to the Athena Award, five women will receive the 2008 Pathfinder awards. They include Silvia Norman of Wells Fargo, Nancy Nowak of Intermountain Healthcare, Karen Suzuki-Okabe of Salt Lake County, Lisa Vehrenkamp of American Express and Andrea Wolcott of San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank.

Margo Provost of Log Haven won the 2007 Athena. Other recent recipients include Governor Olene Walker (2004) and Patricia Richards of Wells Fargo (2000) who was the first female Chair of the Chamber's Board of Governors.

About the Athena

The Athena Award, sponsored by Wells Fargo Women's Financial Services, is a prestigious national award presented annually to an active member of the Salt Lake Chamber who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in business, provides valuable service by devoting time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community and assists women in reaching their full leadership potential.

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The Athena Award was established in 1982 by Martha Mertz to recognize women who had not received recognition for their contributions to Chambers of Commerce. Since the program's inception more than 5,000 awards have been presented in over 500 communities in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, China, Russia and the United Arab Emirates.

About the Pathfinders

The Pathfinder Awards are presented annually during the American Express Women & Business Conference during the Wells Fargo Athena Award Luncheon to a select number of worthy community leaders who have a history of support for women and women's issues and who have worked to further the development and recognition of women. This award has been a traditional part of the conference for many years.

About the Chamber

The Salt Lake Chamber is Utah's largest business association and Utah's Business Leader. With roots that date back to 1887, the Chamber has been standing as the voice of business, supporting its members' success and championing community prosperity for over 100 years. The Chamber represents over 4,200 businesses statewide and one in every three jobs in the Utah economy. Chamber affiliate organizations include the Downtown Alliance and World Trade Center Utah.

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