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# Constellation Awards



## 2026 Constellation Award Honorees



**Chairwoman Amanda Augustine, Tribal Chairperson of the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians**, recognized for leadership grounded in cultural stewardship, Indigenous advocacy, and community wellbeing. Through her guidance, ancestral traditions and forward-looking initiatives come together to support both Tribal sovereignty and regional collaboration. She represents a generation of leadership rooted in heritage, resilience, and shared responsibility for the future of the Coachella Valley.



**Karen Frison and Delois Leonard, Co-Chairs of Women of Color**, honored for advancing equity through cultural celebration, representation, and purposeful community engagement. Their work uplifts heritage and identity while creating spaces that honor lived experience and amplify diverse voices. Together, they demonstrate the power of partnership in cultivating belonging, empowerment, and intergenerational connection.



**Patty Henderson, board leader** with The Women's Company, L-Fund, Palm Springs Women's Jazz Festival, and the National Organization for Women (NOW), recognized for longstanding service connecting arts, advocacy, and civic engagement. Her leadership bridges organizations and strengthens networks that support women-led initiatives throughout the Coachella Valley. Patty's contributions demonstrate how steady, behind-the-scenes leadership can create lasting impact.



**Dr. Skye Patrick, Los Angeles County Librarian**, recognized for championing equitable access to knowledge, protecting intellectual freedom, and strengthening libraries as essential civic spaces. Under her leadership, libraries continue to evolve as cultural anchors where learning, history, and community dialogue intersect. At a time when access to information faces growing challenges, her work highlights the vital role libraries play in preserving truth and expanding opportunity.



**Joy Silver, Housing and social justice advocate and Chair of the Riverside County Democratic Party**, recognized for advancing housing equity and initiatives that promote stability and opportunity across the Coachella Valley. Her work centers housing as a foundation for dignity and community wellbeing while fostering thoughtful civic dialogue and collaborative approaches to regional growth. Through sustained advocacy, she continues to support stronger, more inclusive communities.



**Christine Vendredi, Executive Director of the Palm Springs Art Museum**, honored for guiding cultural programming that positions the arts as a catalyst for creativity, dialogue, and shared experience. With a distinguished background in arts leadership, she brings both vision and approachability to her role, shaping the museum as a dynamic space where community and creativity meet. Her work reinforces the arts as an essential force in the cultural life of the region.

**Together, these women form a powerful constellation of vision, advocacy, creativity, and stewardship – reminding us that lasting change is built not in isolation, but in community.**

