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Athena Award Winner

On Thursday April 30th, The Greater LaPorte Chamber of Commerce hosted its 21st Annual ATHENA Award Ceremony at Heston Hills Conference Center.

Dr. Judith DeMuth, Superintendent of the La Porte Community Schools, was honored with the 2009 ATHENA Award, which was sponsored by National City Bank, The La Porte County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and the Greater La Porte Chamber of Commerce.

The ATHENA Award program began in La Porte in 1988 to recognize, encourage and celebrate the achievements of an individual who promotes women in business.

Dr. Judith DeMuth has amassed a career of leadership and advancement for the students, colleagues and communities she has been associated with. She has implemented numerous projects to provide opportunities for those she serves. Recent examples include: a community based strategic planning process which produced the plan "Pathway to the Future" for the La Porte Schools; *Project B.E.L.L.*, which is an executive leadership program for aspiring young leaders; *Project LEAD THE WAY*, which is a progressive engineering program; establishment of the *Work Ethic Program, Freshmen Academy* and an Employee Recognition Program titled, *An Evening of Stars*. Judy also reaches into her local community by serving on many boards and councils such as: the La Porte Hospital Foundation, La Porte Mayor's Advisory Council, and Chambers of Commerce in Bloomington, Ellettsville, Highland and La Porte. She is a member of the La Porte Rotary Club and has served on the Bloomington Parole Board as well as many professional organizations.

Judy is and has been a role model to the female students of each education system she has been associated with as well as a wife and mother of four. She has personally mentored six women into the Doctoral Program and organized formal mentorships for female teachers pursuing administrative degrees and licenses.

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