

Two Issaquah firms win awards for women in business

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Two Issaquah businesses have each received a Stevie Award for Women in Business. The awards were presented Nov. 11 in New York City.

Andrea Heuston, CEO & Creative Principal, of Artitudes Design Inc. won for "Community Involvement Program of the Year" while Lisa Quast, Founder & President, of Career Women, Inc. won for "Blog of the Year - Advertising, Marketing, and Public Relations."

In addition, Sally Poliak, Chief Operating Officer, with Seattle's Nyhus Communications won for "Best Executive – Service Businesses – up to 100 Employees - Advertising, Marketing, and Public Relations".

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business is an international competition recognizing the accomplishments of women executives, entrepreneurs, and the organizations they run. The awards are produced by the creators of the American Business Awards. Only a handful of Northwest businesses were selected to be among the 1200 finalists from around the world in 54 categories and virtually every industry.

Heuston and Artitudes Design won the "Community Involvement Program of the Year" for its Artitudes in Action: Art Docent Campaign which provides arts education to K-6 students in the Seattle area. The campaign has reached over 500 students at several local schools since it began in 2007 and gives Artitudes' employees the opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community with something they are passionate about – art.

"Artitudes is honored to have won this prestigious award and to be among other women who are also passionate about the betterment of their companies, employees and communities," Heuston said.

Quast and Career Women's blog, "Career Memos," won for "Blog of the Year - Advertising, Marketing, and Public Relations" as it reaches over 100,000 views per month. The blog connects with readers through topics that present through Quast's viewpoint as a former executive and current entrepreneur.

"I am incredibly honored to be recognized as the winner for this award and I am humbled by the sheer power that blogs have to educate, empower, and inspire women around world," Quast said.

Details about the Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the list of honorees are available [here](#).

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