

Mr. Lozinak's passion both for the sport of baseball and for our community is an immense asset to Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District. This recognition is well-deserved, and I congratulate our "King of Baseball" on this outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING THE 2019 WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2019 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

During the last 50 years women have made great strides in America. It used to be almost unheard of to see women as elected officials, CEOs, senior military officials, doctors or attorneys, but today many of our most successful leaders in the world are women. This progress has not come easy and many women before you have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights you have today. I realize there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education. Each of the honorees will be a vital part of the future successes for women.

2019's Women of the Year are:

Bobbi Abold is a dedicated, passionate, and invested advocate who brings over a decade of experience in education to her work on behalf of at-risk students. Bobbi currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the Yuba County Office of Education. In this position as well as during her time as Principal at Durham Elementary School, Bobbi has leveraged her unique capacity for positive reinforcement and decision making to administer critical resources and engaging programs for all her students. As a true model and champion of the very best in leadership in alternative education, Bobbi has continuously gone out of her way to improve her skills by training in restorative practices and is always challenging others to become better educators. Her inclusivity allows her to foster a positive and constructive environment for students to learn and grow as individuals, and she lends a special focus to those facing the greatest challenges. Bobbi is a passionate public servant who consistently demonstrates her unparalleled dedication to securing bright futures for her students.

Rose Mary Avila is a dedicated advocate for members of the Yuba County community. She is a highly regarded volunteer, community servant, and business woman. Rose Mary works to help the Marysville business community thrive through her involvement with the Focus on Marysville business forum. Rose Mary has been an executive member at the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement in Yuba County for 15 years and contributes her time to many events and fundraisers. Through this organization she has worked to enrich the lives of people of Hispanic heritage in her

community by awarding scholarships to Hispanic students, providing health resources and bilingual information for community members, and administering numerous other community programs. Rose Mary is also a member of the Marysville Kiwanis where she lends valuable assistance to their fundraising efforts. Rose Mary is also an active member of her church where she helps with annual fundraisers and volunteered as a catechism teacher. Rose Mary is a loving mother of two, grandmother of four, and a cherished friend to many. A life-long resident of Yuba County, she has had a positive impact on countless members of her community.

Lisa Baker is a tireless advocate working at the forefront of some of the most pressing issues facing her community. Her activism encompasses issues such as housing, social equality, and climate change. Her efforts to provide affordable housing, connect residents with social services, improve social equity, and address issues related to climate change have had a profound and positive impact on our district. As CEO of the Yolo County Housing Authority, Lisa works tirelessly to realize the organization's mission of working to provide quality affordable housing and community development services for all. Her organization and its allies provide essential services that meet the needs of thousands of underprivileged households throughout Yolo and Solano counties. Under her leadership, the Yolo County Housing Authority works with community partners to combat homelessness and does innovative work on climate resiliency. Over the years, her organization has earned numerous national recognitions, and last year won the City of Davis Environmental Special Recognition award for ongoing work in sustainability and equity. Beyond her groundbreaking work in building climate resiliency and sustainability into affordable housing, Lisa lends her time and expertise to a variety of community organizations. She is Vice Chair of the Winters Planning Commission, serves on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Yolo County Transportation District, is a member of the Cool Davis Council of Advisors, serves on the Prop 47 Steering Committee, and is a member of the Yolo Resilience Collaborative. She is also a member of a number of statewide and national organizations focused on advocating for affordable housing in underserved communities. Lisa's passion for public service and positive impact on her community cannot be overstated.

Navjot Bala-Singh has a unique and unparalleled ability as an educator. When Navjot came to the United States in 2002, it was her dream to become an educator and share the history of Indian women with her community. The challenges of adjusting to a new culture and learning to communicate effectively in a foreign language did not stop her from pursuing her goals. On the contrary, this experience endowed her with patience and a unique perspective she could share with others. In 2010 she became a U.S. Citizen, enrolled in college, and later completed her degree in early childhood education. She became a Mentor Teacher at Yuba Community College where she shared her skills as a pre-school teacher and her passion for cultivating young minds flourished. Throughout her educational career she has learned the value of sharing her Indian culture with students and her community. Navjot now plays a leadership role in

the annual Indian Women's Teejan Meda, an event which shares the important contributions Indian women have made to national and local communities. She also plays a crucial role in putting on the annual Sikh Parade, Nagar Kirtan, which attracts over 100,000 visitors to Yuba City and provides a special opportunity to share Indian culture with the local community. Navjot and her husband lend the use of their local landmark restaurant, the Star of India, to make this event a resounding success year after year. Navjot plays an integral role in fostering cultural exchange and understanding that has helped to make Yuba City a vibrant and diverse community.

Dennise Burbank is a life-long resident of the Yuba-Sutter area with an extensive record of service to her community. Dennise is well known for her kind heart and unparalleled generosity. Fulfilling a lifelong dream to open her own business, Dennise founded Burbank Insurance in 2007. Outside of work, she spends her time doing a variety of volunteer work. Dennise and her son give their time training service dogs that are placed with children with autism all over the country. Dennise can also be found overseeing everything from the Olivehurst Christmas Parade to operating her non-profit organization SoYouCan. Under her leadership, this organization aids needy families across the county. For the last seven years, SoYouCan has partnered with the Yuba County Sheriff's Department, Olivehurst and Linda Fire Departments, and countless local schools and volunteers to put together Operation Turkey Swap. This annual event brings Christmas dinners and toys to over 250 families and 600 children, allowing those who might go without to participate in the Christmas spirit. Additionally, as President of the Marysville Kiwanis club, Dennise oversaw the BUGS program which focuses on incentivizing local middle school students to raise their grades with the promise of a new bicycle for the top-five most improved students, as well as an ice cream social for all who take the pledge to improve. In 2012, Dennise ran for Director of Public Utilities, going on to serve as President of the Board until 2015. With her vast array of accomplishments and caring spirit, Dennise serves as a shining example of philanthropic generosity and passionate service to everyone in her community.

Neelam Canto-Lugo is a community servant who has made contributions to the Yuba-Sutter area and beyond that cannot be overstated. As a retired adjunct professor of communications at Yuba College and a feminist ahead of her time, her main mission and purpose has always been to better the lives of students, children, and women in disadvantaged communities. In her two-plus decades at Yuba College, Neelam developed and coordinated the Crossing Borders—Building Bridges Events Series. Here she effectively promoted cultural, socio-political, and religious understanding through countless events and projects, including museum exhibits on the Japanese-American Internment experience, interfaith panel discussions promoting religious tolerance, as well as annual panels on women's health, domestic violence, human trafficking, and Women's History Month. Whether in the fight to reduce hate crimes in Yuba City or support women's entrepreneurship in Nepal and Bangladesh, Neelam's presence and service-oriented mindset are felt by all she meets. For her efforts, she has been recognized with numerous awards, including but

certainly not limited to, the United States President's Gold Volunteer Service Award for volunteer work in developing countries and the John W. Rice Equity and Diversity Award. Neelam's leadership has made a positive impact on women's issues locally and internationally, where her trailblazing approach to social justice, women's rights, and equity has broken many a glass ceiling.

Jill Cook has a heart of service that is clearly and consistently demonstrated in her commitment to serving those in need. In her work as the Yolo County Deputy Administrator she does just that, focusing on bringing health and wellness to the community. Jill passionately infuses her commitment to community health and wellness with her focused determination and natural ability to forge cooperation amongst partners. In doing so, Jill was at the forefront of the local Affordable Care Act implementation, secured over \$6 million in new funding through an intergovernmental transfer with the Medi-Cal managed plan, and helped the County transition to a regional public health laboratory through a joint powers agreement with two adjacent counties. More recently, Jill oversaw the completion of the Tuli Mem Park and Aquatic Center spanning 8 acres of rural western Yolo County. Her steadfast belief that underserved communities throughout Yolo County deserve access to outdoor recreation for play and exercise, inspires her to find ways of galvanizing support. Jill uses her strong public health background to champion for her community and successfully secured funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation for Knights Landing in order to provide new outdoor recreation space in her community. Jill continually seeks ways to help others and has implemented workgroups focused on improving the quality of life for residents of Yolo County. Her hard work and determination make her a strong advocate for the well-being of her community and her generosity and volunteerism are an example for future leaders.

Jenalee Dawson is a young professional who has accomplished more in her career than many do in a lifetime. She puts her unparalleled determination and focus to work as a fierce advocate for those at risk in her community, working to address issues of interpersonal violence, senior poverty and isolation, affordable housing, homelessness, mental health and substance abuse, and accessibility to services. While she is currently employed as the Resident Social Services Coordinator for the California Department of Human Development, Jenalee continuously finds additional opportunities to contribute to the well-being of those in her community. Whether it is in her role as Service Coordinator for Parkway Plaza Senior Apartments, serving as the Chair of the Solano Partnership Against Violence, or as co-organizer of the Family Justice Center, Jenalee's impactful presence is always felt. As a member of the Senior Coalition of Solano County, Jenalee was responsible for launching the Savvy Seniors Program, which seeks to avail seniors of resources and benefits for everything from budgeting to avoiding becoming the victim of fraud. Jenalee shows immeasurable strength and courage in compassionately using her own experience overcoming violence and adversity to serve as a role model for others looking to rise above difficult circumstances and build resiliency. Jenalee is a talented and

selfless individual who has made countless contributions to the lives of others and I look forward to seeing what more she accomplishes in the years ahead.

Pat Dennis has had an immeasurable impact on the town of Vacaville, where she displays a commitment to sustaining and enriching fine arts in her community. Pat has always been eager to shoulder communal responsibility and began volunteering for the North Bay Opera Guild shortly after moving to Vacaville. Here she quickly rose to become President of the organization, leading it to its peak while fostering an inviting environment at its 354 seat Opera House facility. Pat has facilitated numerous school and community outreach programs, such as the annual Young Performers Concert, while also working with the Vacaville Museum Guild to support the preservation of Vacaville's local history. Pat has logged over 16,500 volunteer hours for the North Bay Volunteer Guild and has made significant contributions to the cause of Alzheimer's research. Pat has also become a crucial part of the Vacaville Arts Council, where she holds the position of Vice President. In this position she helped to advance the organization's impact, expanding events, adding membership, and acting as an integral piece of the "Salute to the Stars" event. Pat's work in the community is invaluable and she is pillar of the community, beloved by all who know her.

Ana Dineen has continuously sought out ways to support and engage the underrepresented in Solano County. During her decades-long career as a school nurse, Ana oversaw the Healthy Start Family Resource Center in Fairfield and Suisun City. Under her leadership, the Family Resource Center has grown into a model child abuse prevention program, providing families in crisis a place to receive basic necessities, crisis counseling, and parenting education. Ana has also served as President of the Solano Children's Alliance, providing crucial insight on child and family needs to the Solano Board of Supervisors. Under the steady hand of her leadership, these organizations have continued to expand the range and depth of available community resources. Now retired, Ana founded Voces Unidas (United Voices), a non-profit organization focused on availing the Latino community of resources, including know-your-rights workshops, information sessions on obtaining proper identification, and education on human trafficking. With her tireless dedication to aiding those in need, Ana is truly a treasure of Solano County whose impact will be felt for generations to come.

Deborah Dunham has led a life of service, dedicated to volunteer work and philanthropic efforts. Deborah served her country in the United States Marine Corps, where she was one of the first four female marines to be selected for IBM's Computer Programming School and received two Meritorious Promotions. This alone would make her worthy of recognition, but her service did not end there. Over the last 44 years, Deborah has served as a professional fundraising executive, volunteer, and generous supporter of numerous charitable organizations throughout her community. She has a passion for developing and improving nonprofit organizations and consistently makes invaluable contributions with unmatched selflessness and dedication. To many, she is known for her work with Gorilla

Doctors, a joint program between the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project and the UC Davis One Health Institute of Veterinary Medicine which provides veterinary care to wild mountain and Grauer's gorillas throughout East Africa, playing an important role in saving the species from extinction. As chair of their Board of Directors, her leadership, purpose, and drive helped lead the organization to new heights. Through her efforts, she has brought international renown and accolades to our community and her work received recognition from the President of Rwanda. Deborah is an inspiration to many in our community, having effectively juggled the responsibilities of family, career, and community involvement and twice beating cancer while always maintaining her commitments to the many organizations she supports. Deborah is admired and revered by friends and colleagues locally, regionally, and around the world because when she sets her mind to it, she brings about indelible change.

Nancy Geweke Elrod has made vast and meaningful contributions to the Yuba-Sutter area over her lifetime. As a Yuba City High School graduate, Nancy went on to get her degree in Recreation Administration at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She subsequently served as sales manager for the Lodi Conference and Visitor's Bureau, before settling in as Recreation Coordinator for the City of Yuba City. During her time in this position she oversaw the budget and implemented festivities for Yuba City's Centennial Celebration while simultaneously supervising the city's youth programming and senior activities. When she decided to join the family business, Geweke Ford, in 2009, Nancy couldn't wait to continue getting involved in her community. She has contributed immensely to her family's non-profit organization, Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation, where she served as Director since 2011. This organization financially assists local women facing cancer and has now provided over 10,000 women with low-cost mammograms and women's health screenings. Under her leadership, the Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation has helped over 430 cancer survivors through numerous grants. Nancy has co-chaired the Pink October Race for Awareness for 14 years alongside her sister and under her leadership fundraising efforts have grown up to 35 percent, raising over \$150,000 each year. Nancy has also been an active member of Early Risers Kiwanis, finds time to volunteer with the Beale Military Liaison Committee, and has proudly served on the Sutter Medical Foundation Philanthropy Committee since 2009. Through her effective leadership and enthusiastic approach, Nancy has touched the lives of many throughout the Yuba-Sutter community.

Catherine Farman is a dedicated advocate for the most vulnerable populations of her community. For years, Catherine has donated her time and expertise to the Empower Yolo Board of Directors, where she has been instrumental in furthering their mission to promote safe, healthy, and resilient communities. Empower Yolo is the county's leading resource for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse. Catherine has served in numerous leadership roles at the organization, where she has helped to raise thousands of dollars, volunteered at countless events, and grown Empower Yolo's extensive network of support.

Additionally, she takes the time to inspire and mentor her colleagues, helping them to harness their own skills, knowledge, and passion to serve their community. Catherine is also the founder of the Davis Schools Foundation, which has helped every school in Davis and thousands of children over the years. She has also given her time and support to such organizations as 100 Women Who Care, the Yolo Crisis Nursery, and the Yolo County Food Bank. Catherine is a fierce advocate, caring friend, loving mother, and inspirational leader whose dedicated service to her community has changed countless lives in Yolo County.

Diana Fuentes-Michel is a dedicated advocate not only within the Yolo and Sacramento regions, but throughout the entire state of California. For years, Diana has applied her skills and expertise in higher education policy to ensure that migrant, low-income, and moderate-income students from the state of California can pursue a higher education. Diana has also been instrumental in ensuring that upwards of 50,000 undocumented students can attend college by ushering in California's Dream Act Application. Diana also contributed to the establishment of the bilingual career and college fair called Steps to College: Paseo de la Universidad, which was the first of its kind in Yolo and Sacramento counties. Diana's work as an establishing member and volunteer for the Chicano-Latino Youth Leadership Program has provided thousands of California's young Latinx with the opportunity to visit Sacramento, stay on college campuses, and participate in state government affairs. She has also volunteered her time with Cien Amigos where she helped to raise funds for the nonprofit that serves 300 students and helps administer the organization's yearly scholarship program. Diana is an inspirational leader whose dedicated service to her community has changed countless lives in our community and throughout the state of California.

I congratulate each of them and commend them for their work. I am inspired by them and firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

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CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION  
OF DR. MATTHEW GIORDANO AS  
THE FOURTH PRESIDENT OF  
VILLA MARIA COLLEGE

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**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the installation of Dr. Matthew Giordano as the Fourth President of Villa Maria College on Friday, November 15, 2019.

Villa Maria College is a private, co-educational, Catholic college providing the support and resources needed to give students the opportunity to learn and grow with a culturally diverse population that lives its ideals of truth, charity, and unity.

Dr. Matthew Giordano, the first male, lay-person president in the college's history, assumed the role of interim president in July 2018 following the retirement of Sister Marcella Marie Garus, Villa's legendary forty-year leader. Since that time, the College launched three new academic programs including flexi-

ble business, game design and software development proactively responding to heightened employment opportunities in these growth industries. Scholarship eSports has also found a home at Villa Maria College.

This visionary leader is not only responding to the marketplace of today but ensuring the college's future growth as he and his team are creating a new strategic plan, introduced new models of governance and is developing strong connections between the Villa Maria family of students, faculty and staff.

Prior to his selection, Giordano served at vice president for academic affairs from 2012 to 2018. During that time, he played a pivotal role in planning and implementing the college's creative blueprint resulting in major enrollment growth and increased retention, launching new academic programs, including an honors program, and helping to secure grant funding in support of student success, including a \$1.8 million Title III grant.

Dr. Giordano brought his passion for teaching English and gift for student engagement to Villa in 2005 and became chairperson of the liberal arts department in 2009.

It is especially noteworthy that while he is working within the beautiful, stately walls of the Villa Campus, Dr. Giordano understands that the college is strengthened when the surrounding neighborhoods are strengthened. An anchor institution and community asset linking the borders of the city of Buffalo and the town of Cheektowaga, Villa's new president is committed to open dialogue with local leaders and elected officials to develop partnerships and initiate collaborative relationships in support of its students and neighbors.

Dr. Giordano has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Philosophy from Binghamton University and both a Master of Arts and doctorate degree in American Literature from the Ohio State University. He successfully completed the Executive Leadership Academy of the Council of Independent Colleges and the Felician Leadership Institute this past year.

He follows in the footsteps of true Felician leaders as Villa Maria College was founded in 1960 by Mother Mary Annette Guzowski and the Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province. Through extensions of charters, National and State Accreditations and significant program expansions offering real world experiences, Villa Maria College at almost sixty years of service remains a vital center of educational energy as it embraces the academic, social and careers goals of its students.

Madam Speaker, I take this time to congratulate Dr. Matthew Giordano on his installation as President of Villa Maria College. This new era in the college's history will begin with a true celebration witnessed by his wife, Jennifer Desiderio, their three daughters and the extended Villa Maria Community. We extend our best wishes for continued success as he leads this unique institution of higher education into the future.

HONORING JAMES AND DELIA NETTO'S 60TH BIRTHDAYS AND 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. James and Delia Netto on the special occasion of their 60th birthdays and 40th wedding anniversary. They are wonderful members of the community and have been an inspiration for all married couples.

James and Delia Netto were born in Hanford, California—he on May 17 and she on December 30—in 1959. They come from proud Portuguese families originating from the Azores Islands. James and Delia met in church and quickly realized they had found the loves of their life. They were married on September 1, 1979 at Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Laton, California. The Nettos are the proud parents of two daughters, Danae Koprivetz and Diandra Vantrease.

Together, James and Delia founded Double N Diary and Netto Trucking. James and his brother, Frank, then started Netto Agriculture, Inc., where Delia served as Chief Financial Officer. James now owns Penny Newman Grain Company, serving as Vice President of Sales and Production.

James and Delia are known for their service and generosity in the Central Valley of California. They were awarded the St. John Bosco Friends of the Youth Award in 2011 for their contributions to St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School in Hanford, California. Additionally, James serves on the St. Vincent de Paul Center Board of Directors in Hanford and the couple support the Poverello House, Candle Light Guild, Saint Agnes Holy Cross Center, Make-A-Wish Foundation, among other organizations.

The Netto's favorite pastime is spending time with their family and friends, including their daughters, sons-in-law Jeff and Troy and beloved grandchildren Emma, James and Sloane. They also enjoy traveling.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating my friends James and Delia Netto as they celebrate their 60th birthdays and 40th wedding anniversary. I join their family and friends in celebrating this milestone occasion.

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TRIBUTE TO PARKER OVERTON

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**HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Parker Overton of Grimesland, North Carolina. Mr. Overton was recently presented The Order of the Long Leaf Pine on October 22nd. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is the highest award for state service granted by the Governor. It is presented to persons for exemplary service to the state of North Carolina and its communities that is above and beyond the call of duty and which has made a significant impact and strengthened North Carolina.

Mr. Overton, who grew up on Greenville, is the founder of Overton's, the world's largest