

# TAMPA BAY Business Journal

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## TBBJ's 2008 BusinessWoman of the Year finalists named

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The Tampa Bay Business Journal has named its finalists for the highly coveted 2008 BusinessWoman of the Year awards.

An independent panel of judges has named finalists in 9 categories.

Finalists will be feted, and category winners, as well as an overall winner, will be named August 15 at an Oscar-style, black-tie gala at the **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino** in Tampa.

TBBJ Publisher Bridgette Mill and Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio will emcee.

The event's presenting sponsors include **Bank of America**, **Robert W. Baird & Co.**, **Fowler White Boggs Banker**, Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance and **Audi**.

By category, the 2008 finalists are:

### Manufacturing:

- Deborah Schuck, [Manor Steel Fabricators](#)
- Barbara Smith, [Gerdau Ameristeel](#)
- Tammy Young, [LaBonita Ole Inc.](#)

### Information Technology:

- Charlotte Baker, [Digital Hands](#)
- Debra Curtiss, [Peak 10](#)
- January Dennison, [Technology Research Consultants, Inc./Pozee Playzle, LLC](#)
- Pamela Kauten, [FloridaHomeLINK.com](#)
- Cindy McGathey, [FrankCrum](#)
- Avani Mehta-Desai, [KPMG LLP](#)
- Shawna Vercher, Vti [Group Inc.](#)

### Business Services:

- Karin Arden, [JFD Advertising](#)
- Lisa Brock, [Brock Communications](#)
- Linda Carbone, Fowler White Boggs Banker
- Ruth Fanovich, [RMF Care Management Inc.](#)
- Joy Gendusa, **[PostcardMania](#)**
- Tammy Levent, [Elite Travel Group](#)
- Anne Madden, [Blue Ibis Consulting](#)
- Angela Massaro-Fain, [Grapevine Communications](#)
- Johna Perez, [Capco Real Estate Inc.](#)
- Paola Schifino, [Schifino Lee Advertising & Branding](#)

#### Young:

- Lan Ha, **[Kaleisia Tea Lounge](#)**
- Dina Lomagno, [Bellevue Biltmore Hotel & Resort](#)
- Maddy McNaughton, **[The Science Center of Pinellas County](#)**
- Tunvi Patel, **[Ativas Development Group](#)**
- Kamilah Perry, [Phelps Dunbar LLP](#)
- Ginger Reichl, [Pinstripe Marketing](#)
- Jennifer Williams, [SunTrust Bank](#)
- Meredith Zdon, **[Power Design](#)**

#### Government:

- Michele Baker, [Pasco County, West Pasco Government Center](#)
- Sandra Bradbury, **[City of Pinellas Park](#)**
- Caroline Stricklin, [City of Largo](#)

#### Media:

- Nancy Alexander, [WMTX 100.7 FM](#)
- Bevv Beirl, **[Bay Area Business Magazine](#)**
- Jolie Gonzalez, [Latin Times](#)

#### Nonprofit:

- Stacey Allaster, Women's Tennis Association

- Calvina Fay, [\*\*Drug Free America Foundation\*\*](#)
- Jody Johnston, [Girl Scouts of West Central Florida](#)
- Norrine Russell, [The Ophelia Project and Boys Initiative of Tampa Bay](#)

#### Financial Services:

- Kathleen Batson, [Bankers Insurance Group](#)
- Rita Lowman, [\*\*American Momentum Bank\*\*](#)
- Pamala McCoy, [TCM Bank, N.A. and BONA5D Credit Consultants](#)
- Deborah Sheridan, [Synovus Bank](#)
- Allison Tutwiler, [Bank of Florida](#)

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