

# Lauren Rose Albert Foundation receives the prestigious Wynona M. Lipman Award for Service in Education

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## DCA Hosts the 2007 Connie Woodruff and Wynona M. Lipman Awards

*11 Organizations From Across the State Receive Honors*

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – In celebration of Women’s History Month, Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin today announced the recipients of the 2007 Connie Woodruff and Wynona M. Lipman Awards. The annual ceremony, sponsored by DCA’s Division on Women and the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, honors outstanding New Jersey organizations that support women.

“The organizations being honored today represent an extraordinary group of women who push our state forward,” Governor Jon S. Corzine said. “It is clear that the strength, compassion and drive embodied by Ms. Woodruff and Senator Lipman continue to thrive among the women of New Jersey.”

“Women’s History Month commemorates the remarkable women throughout history that have impacted our lives,” Commissioner Levin said. “The Wynona Lipman and Connie Woodruff Awards honor today’s history makers - women of strength, vision and character - that work to make life better for all New Jerseyans.”

The Connie Woodruff Award is named in honor of the late Connie Woodruff, the first Chairperson of the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women and past President of the National Association of Commissions on Women. The Wynona M. Lipman Award is named for the late Senator Wynona M. Lipman, the first African American woman elected to the New Jersey State Senate, and champion of women’s rights, minorities and children.

### **The Lauren Rose Albert Foundation receives the Wynona M. Lipman Award for Service in Education in recognition of the LRAF Women’s Scholarship Program.**



Wynona M. Lipman “Service in Education” award presented to the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation

Pictured ( left to right) Janice Kovach, Director, NJ Division on Women; William Anderson, President Gloucester County College; Eileen Moran, Director of Development, Rowan University ; Rich Pokrass, Dean of Institutional Advancement, Burlington County College;

The Lauren Rose Albert Foundation was established in 1999 as a private, nonprofit organization to help women create better lives for themselves and their families. LRAF provides programs that respond to women’s unmet needs, such as supporting women who are enrolled in higher education by funding grants for college textbooks. The program pays for college textbooks for income-eligible women who work, support their family and attend a participating college. Current participating colleges and universities include Burlington County College, Camden County College, Cumberland County College, Gloucester County College, Salem County College and Rowan University.