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Dr. Lynette Stokes (middle), SSC President, pictured with 2019 Star Award recipients Shanina Thomas and Latanya Allen.

## Seeking Star Awards Nominations for The Chicago Women's Conference at South Suburban College

OAK FOREST, IL— South Suburban College is seeking nominations for The Star Awards, which will be presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Women's Conference being held at South Suburban College on Friday, March 13, 2020. The two awards recognize women for their outstanding leadership in business, community activities and/or education and their encouragement of others to also be

STARS. One of the awards recognizes lifetime achievement of a South Suburban College (Thornton Community College) alumna.

STAR awardees are role models because they not only focus on achieving their own goals, but through their inspiring actions they profoundly motivate others to do the same. We urge the writers of the applications to be sure to tell the full story of the woman they are nominating. Applications are being accepted through Monday, February 3, 2020, and are available from the website: www.thechicagowomensconference.org

This year marks the fifth year of the Star Awards. This year's conference theme is *Vision 2020: Sharpen Your Focus!* Last year's Star Award winners were SSC Lifetime Alumna winner LaTanya Allen, a graduate of the college's court reporting program and now a law student at University of Mississippi Law School after working as a court reporter and serving as president of the Mississippi Court Reporter Association, and Star Award winner Shanina Thomas, an adjunct professor at Harold Washington College in African American Studies and History.

"These women are inspirational. They excel in what they do and then go even further by sharing their knowledge, kindness, and leadership with others," said Nancy Burrows, Co-chair of

The Star Awards Committee. "The awards are presented towards the beginning of the day and contribute to the upbeat, 'can do' tone of the rest of the day."

Women may nominate themselves and others by February 3<sup>rd</sup> from <a href="https://www.thechicagowomensconference.org">www.thechicagowomensconference.org</a>, and registration is now open to attend the event on March 13, 2020.

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