

## PRESS RELEASE

### Financial Women's Association Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Honoring Colleen Campbell of BMO Capital Markets and FWA Past Presidents

#### *Annual Gala of 500+ Attendees Raises Both Awareness and Funds for Scholarships and Mentoring Programs*

NEW YORK, New York, April 18, 2016 – The Financial Women's Association of New York (FWA) celebrated its 60th Anniversary on April 12<sup>th</sup> at a Gala Dinner held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. The Gala was emceed by Kelly Evans, co-anchor of CNBC's Closing Bell and honored Colleen Campbell, Vice Chair of BMO Capital Markets as the FWA Private Sector Woman of the Year and the FWA Past Presidents as the FWA Public Sector Women of the Year. The FWA raised significant funds for its ongoing mentoring, scholarship and financial literacy programs.

The Gala Dinner was a tribute to the FWA's robust history and to its ongoing mission to accelerate the leadership and success of women across the financial community in all industries by advancing careers, fostering alliances and preparing the current and next generation of professionals. In addition to the inspiring stories of several high school and college mentees and scholarship recipients, the FWA noted some of its more memorable achievements over the past 60 years – a delegation to China in 1977, international conferences to more than 25 countries on 6 continents, a Veterans' Initiative to Serve Women Who Served launched in 2014, and numerous scholarship, mentoring and internship programs that have helped more than 6,000 professionals and students.

Colleen Campbell, Vice Chair of BMO Capital Markets and a 30-year industry veteran, was honored as the FWA Private Sector Woman of the Year. Ms. Campbell's work at BMO, both as the Global Head of BMO's Debt Capital Markets division and as Vice Chair of its Investment and Corporate Banking Group, makes her a prime example of the female leadership that epitomizes the FWA. "I am grateful to the FWA for its work in contributing to the next generation's success, helping to build future leaders in our field," said Ms. Campbell. "I'm also proud to be counted among the ranks of such an impressive group of leaders to have been recognized through the Woman of the Year award – it means a lot."

"It is an honor to acknowledge leaders in the field, such as Colleen Campbell, as well as the leaders who have come before us driving the FWA forward and in partnership with leading firms." said FWA President Katrin Dambrot. "In 60 years, the scope of the FWA's mission has grown to accommodate the rising numbers of women involved in the financial community, including the current generation of professionals and students that are brought together through the FWA. Tonight we honor the pioneering women who founded this important organization as well as the next generation of leaders – it's a remarkable and inspiring combination to join the ranks of such talent and vision. In one way or another, we've all found strength in this alliance."

The FWA also honored [FWA Past Presidents](#) at the Gala, with a special acknowledgement regarding each President's part in steering the FWA's mission. Through the leadership of these individuals, the FWA has provided a public forum for women to demonstrate their leadership and advisory skills through professional networking, groundbreaking educational programs, mentorship, and practical training. Since 1956, the Presidents of the FWA have shown unwavering commitment and dedication in supporting these goals and sharing best practice.



FWA Private Sector Honoree Colleen Campbell, Darryl White and Katrin Dambrot

In addition to recognizing Campbell and the FWA on their dedication to building diverse and inclusive workforces through innovation and business acumen, Darryl White, CEO & Group Head, BMO Capital Markets, announced a generous gift matching for night-of donations to FWA scholarship and mentoring programs. He also introduced an exciting new initiative: Back to Business. In partnership with the FWA and other leading firms, this program will strive to help qualified individuals reenter the financial industry following an extended absence from the workforce for reasons such as childcare or eldercare.



FWA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative  
Co-Chairs Kimberly Weinrick  
and Ria Davis

“The eight enterprising women who launched the FWA in 1956 had the fortitude to create a lasting legacy – for more than 60 years.” said Dambrot. “On behalf of the FWA, we remain dedicated to enhancing the role of women in finance and investing in the community, and to inspire the pipeline of tomorrow’s talent. We’ve achieved a number of remarkable milestones over the years through partnering with leading firms and we even have more to achieve – together.”

### **FWA President’s Circle Supporters**

The FWA gratefully acknowledged the generosity and commitment of its [President’s Circle](#) Fortune 500 partners, who support the FWA in providing mentoring programs and scholarships to over 6,000 young professionals and students. In particular, the FWA acknowledged the contributions of BMO Capital Markets to the FWA Education Fund over the past 11 years, including through the BMO “*Equity through Education*” Program.

### **About the FWA**

*The FWA was founded in 1956 to help advance the leadership of women in the financial community. The New York-based organization partners with companies to share best practices and provides opportunities for members to build their careers, meet industry leaders, earn the support of powerful women and major companies, and contribute to the next generation of female leaders. The FWA’s community activities include mentoring, scholarships, and training programs. The FWA High School Mentoring Program has impacted the lives of dozens of young women, empowering them to overcome sometimes overwhelming odds to graduate from high school and attend college. The FWA’s Wall Street Exchange Program has helped over a thousand interns develop professional and networking skills; the FWA Adult Financial Literacy training programs have helped educate over 200 underserved women about personal financial matters, and 2,000 students have participated in the FWA’s Financial Backpack Literacy training. In addition, 140 scholarships have been awarded to MBA students and 250 Undergraduate FWA/BMO Scholarships have been awarded to undergraduate students.*

To speak with Katrin Dambrot or for further information about the 60th Anniversary Gala or the FWA, please contact the FWA Office on 212 533-2141 ext 303.

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**FWA Gala Photos:** (l to r) 1) FWA Members and Guests; 2) FWA Board Members; 3) FWA Board Member with Guests; 4) FWA Mentees; 5) FWA Board Member and Past Board Member (2013-2014) 6) FWA Leaders flank Colleen Campbell and Kelly Evans.



FWA Past Presidents Honored as Women of the Year – Public Sector 2016:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Nancy Zucker	1956 – 1957	Barbara B. Roberts	1991 – 1992
Joan Williams Farr	1957 – 1958	Mina Baker Knoll	1992 – 1993
Marguerite Beer Platt	1965 – 1967	Ruth L. Finch Powers	1993 – 1994
Martha S. Sproule	1972 – 1973	Debra D. Flanz	1994 – 1995
Bernadette M. Bartels Murphy	1973 – 1974	Gail S. Miner	1995 – 1996
Sheila M. Baird	1974 – 1975	Jeannette G. Hobson	1996 – 1997
M. Helen Fisher Bennett	1975 – 1976	Dominique Martinet	1997 – 1998
Susan Dollinger	1977 – 1978	Lenore C. Albom	1998 – 1999
Melinda L. Lloyd	1978 – 1979	Pamela J. Packard	1999 – 2000
Candace L. Straight	1979 – 1980	Kimberly L. Quinones	2000 – 2001
Susan Fisher Greenwood	1980 – 1981	Betsy L. Werley	2001 – 2002
JoAnn Heffernan Heisen	1981 – 1982	Joan Shapiro Green	2002 – 2003
Pamela J. Newman	1982 – 1983	Mary Rudie Barneby	2003 – 2004
Ellen M. Sills-Levy	1983 – 1984	Kelly A. Mathieson	2004 – 2005
Myrna Z. Weiss	1984 – 1985	Judith L. Mellars	2005 – 2006
Norma Niehoff-Emerson	1985 – 1986	Martha Clark Goss	2006 – 2007
Myra Leigh Tobin	1986 – 1987	Lily Klebanoff Blake	2007 – 2008
Margaret N. Newborg	1987 – 1988	Kristin McDonough	2008 – 2009
Heidi S. Steiger	1988 – 1989	Stephanie Hauge	2009 – 2010
Barbara M. Reno	1989 – 1990	Susan Ganz	2010 – 2011
Lucille V. Carrier	1990 – 1991	Anne Izzillo	2011 – 2012
		Susan Harper	2012 – 2013
		Kimberly Weinrick	2013 – 2014
		Maureen Adolf	2014 – 2015



Founding Member of FWA, one of the Original Eight, **Joan Williams Farr** (center, sixth from right), flanked by FWA Past Presidents, Executive Director Emerita, FWA President and President-Elect.

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