



# 2007 JEFFERSON AWARDS



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**Darlene Duggins**  
Wilkes-Barre  
Nominator:  
Ashley Williams



**Lois T. Myers**  
West Nanticoke  
Nominator: Ellen  
Myers Parmenteri



**Inayat Kathio**  
Yatesville  
Nominator:  
Bonnie Chocallo



**Sister Miriam  
Stadulis**, Nanticoke  
Nominator:  
Kathleen Button



**Rev. Micki Robinson**  
Mountain Top  
Nominator:  
Patricia Auker



**Chuck Romanowski**  
Ashley  
Nominator:  
Cathy Romanowski



**Kevin Cottle**  
Forty Fort  
Nominator:  
Marion Sterling



**Duane Seltzer**  
Dorrance Township  
Nominator:  
Bill Jones



**Douglas Ayers**  
Kingston Township  
Nominator:  
Charles Barber



**Charie Aponick**  
Shavertown  
Nominator:  
Charles Barber



**Mary Jean Schultz**  
Kingston  
Nominator:  
Jennifer Knickman



**Robert Fortinsky**  
Kingston  
Nominator:  
Charles Davis



**Jean Williams**  
Kingston  
Nominator:  
Lori Prashker



**Jaclyn Poceschi**  
Mosley, Laurel Run  
Nominator:  
Multiple Nominators



**Gina Poceschi**  
Boyle, Sweet Valley  
Nominator:  
Multiple Nominators



**Ruth Ann Koval**  
Bear Creek Township  
Nominator:  
Joan Belcher



**Marie Marshall**  
Shickshinny  
Nominator:  
Peggy Yanklunas



**Stan Hamilton**  
Wilkes-Barre  
Nominator:  
Sue Strassman



**James Davenport**  
Dunmore  
Nominator:  
Michael S. Taluto



**John D. Johnson Jr.**  
Kingston  
Nominator:  
Bart Balcomb



**Robert Law**, Dallas  
Nominators:  
Marilyn Gregorski  
and Betty Sorchik



**Bernadette McKinney**  
Mountain Top  
Nominator:  
Anne Rappaport



**Erik Yaple**  
Shickshinny  
Nominator:  
JoAnn Welch



**Theresa Hahn**  
Shavertown  
Nominator:  
Colleen Gawlas



**Harriet Clyde Kipps**  
Glen Lyon  
Nominator:  
Veronica Monterolla



**Ron D'Eliseo**  
Duryea  
Nominator:  
Charles Barber



**James T. Martin Sr.**  
Wilkes-Barre  
Nominator:  
Patricia Martin



**Maxwell Marcus**  
Exeter  
Nominator:  
Mayor Joseph Coyne



**Fred DeSanto**  
Pittston Township  
Nominator:  
Arthur J. Savokinas



**Francis Wolman**  
Kingston  
Nominator:  
James Godlewski



**Anna Kittrick**  
Mountain Top  
Nominator:  
Rosanne Kuhar

**Congratulations semifinalists. Since 1972, The American Institute for Public Service has presented The Jefferson Awards to distinguish and encourage community service.**



## Keynote Speaker, State Senator Lisa Baker

Prior to being elected to the state Senate in 2006, Senator Lisa Baker held various leadership positions within Pennsylvania state government. Senator Baker served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker, Director of Tom Ridge's Northeast Regional Office, Chief of Staff to State Senator Charles Lemmond and Research Analyst to State Senator Robert C. Jubelirer. In each of these roles, she worked with officials from federal, state and local governments, the business

community, and other concerned citizens, to create a better Pennsylvania.

Senator Baker most recently served as the Executive Director of The Blue Ribbon Foundation, which was established in 2002 to support health and wellness initiatives in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

Active in community and civic organizations, Senator Baker currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Children's Service Center, the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations, the United Way of Wyoming Valley, and the Advisory Board of Penn State Wilkes-Barre. She is a past-member of the Board of Directors of Leadership Wilkes-Barre, the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University, and served as Chairperson for the United Way of Wyoming Valley's 2004-2005 Community Campaign.

Senator Baker is a graduate of Dallas High School and Shippensburg University where she received a B.A. in Government Administration. She is a graduate of the Anne B. Anstine Excellence in Public Service Series, the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and the Strategic Leadership for State Executives program at the Governor's Center at Duke University.

Senator Baker resides in Lehman Township, Luzerne County, with her husband of 21 years, Gary, and their son Carson, a ninth-grade student at Lake-Lehman High School.

**The public is welcome to honor 31 local heroes by attending the nominees luncheon April 19th at The Woodlands Inn and Resort. For more information or to RSVP call 829-7118. Space is limited.**

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m.

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