

WomenVision SC



In an effort to shine a light on issues affecting women throughout the state and nation and recognize trailblazing women leaders that have made an impact in South Carolina, SCETV created “**Women Vision SC.**” More than just a television program, “Women Vision SC” is a multi-platform initiative.

In fall 2018, viewers and listeners throughout the state were invited to nominate women of vision. In all, 75 women were nominated, and a panel narrowed the field to 11. Among the 11 honorees were **South Carolina's first female Chief Justice Jean Toal**, pictured to the left with SCETV President and CEO Anthony Padgett, and **former Superintendent of Education Inez Tenenbaum**.

In April 2019, SCETV presented awards to the 11 recipients before a studio audience of 100 people. That was followed by the production of a one-hour special, including a panel of leaders in government, business and education. Some of their comments are noted here. The special aired on SCETV and is also featured online at www.scetv.org/womenvisionsc.



BlueCross BlueShield
of South Carolina
Senior Vice President
Jill Davis

“I was honored to be a part of the panel that picked the 11 honorees. It was a wonderful and inspiring experience. I was mostly inspired, not only by the number of nominations, but also the caliber of all of them. There wasn't one single woman that wasn't deserving of the honor.”



Bank of America
South Carolina
State President
Kim Wilkerson

“Truly, it is about lifting others as you climb. It is making sure that, when you have that seat at the table, you are sponsoring other women around you. They are very capable and very willing to assume those roles. Don't let the elevator stay at the top and not go back down. You want to bring others up.”

2019 Honorees



Karen Alexander



Hope Blackley



Elaine T. Freeman



Jennifer Gutierrez-Caldwell



Heather Holmquest



Pastor Nannie Jefferies



Minor Mickel Shaw



Anita Singleton-Prather



Inez Tenenbaum



Jean Toal



JoAnn Turnquist





Quotable

“Conversations like this -- young women need to see and hear. Seeing the panelists; young women need to know there was so much diversity and what these women have achieved.”

-Dr. Hope Rivers, Vice President, Academic Affairs, S.C. Tech. College System

“Women have something different to bring to the table. ... If they don't give us a seat at the table, give us a folding chair and make one.”

-The Honorable Katrina Shealy, S.C. Senator, District 23

“Early on, I decided I needed to be sure that as I achieved some prominence and broke barriers, that I reached down and pulled my sisters along.”

-Jean Toal, Former Chief Justice, South Carolina Supreme Court

SCETV kicked off year two of “Women Vision SC” on June 17 by launching the nomination process for a new round of honorees. Visit www.scetv.org/womenvisionsc to submit a nomination before the July 17 deadline.