

# Women of Achievement are gems of the Clark County community

Clark College and YWCA Clark County recent named their annual Women of Achievement honorees. This year, as in previous years, the women selected for this recognition have incredibly diverse backgrounds and accomplishments.

Among them are a doctor, a teacher, a former YWCA director who started a domestic violence shelter, an active school and community organization volunteer, a health educator and an elected Vancouver leader.

A Camas resident with a rich background also joins the group of eight.

Born in Japan, Elizabeth Asahi Sato has spent her life taking on roles that have had her enriching the lives of others. Not only is she a mother of three boys, she is a business owner and has an accomplished educational and career background.

This is not the first time a local resident has been recognized with this award. Last year, longtime Camas resident and active member of the community Judy Zimmerman was recognized for her many contributions — locally, nationally and internationally — over the years.

Each year, the fine group of accomplished women selected to receive this award are truly deserving. They all provide fantastic examples of local people doing great things in their own communities, and beyond.

In an age when finding good role models to point our children toward can be difficult, this kind of public recognition program fills a need to highlight the best of the best in our communities.

— Heather Acheson