

2009 Women Who Mean Business

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Achievement knows no gender, as evidenced by this year's class of Women Who Mean Business and Rising Stars. From entrepreneurs to corporate movers and shakers and nonprofit leaders, this class can be described with another choice word: tenacity. In the face of a dwindling economy, these women managed to thrive at work, and remain active in their communities. As always, the lessons to be learned from these Washington-area leaders are unique and heartfelt.

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— Alex Orfinger, publisher, Washington Business Journal

Lynda Ellis

CEO, president, owner, Capitol Concierge Inc.

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Lynda Ellis joined **Capitol Concierge** in 1998 as executive vice president and was named president in 2000. She purchased the company in 2007 and has made it a profitable company with more than 400 employees.

Ellis credits a great team for her success. She pays attention to details and listens to employees' and clients' needs and concerns, she says.

"I'm very clear, very direct, and I have very high expectations," Ellis says. "We under promise and over deliver."

Her philosophy, she says, is "don't ask people to do things that you don't want to do, and treat people the way we want to be treated."

Believing in the value of giving back to the community, Ellis serves on charity committees including Second Chance, the **TigerLily Foundation**, and the Apartment and Office Building Association's Associates Coalition Team.

In addition, Ellis provides financial assistance to the James E. Duckworth School, a school for students with moderate to severe disabilities. She and her employees also support the school in volunteer hours.

During her time in Japan for nine years, Ellis spent hundreds of hours volunteering at the Yokota Air Base Casualty Staging Facility for wounded service members in the Vietnam War.

"I got so much more than I gave," Ellis says.

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