



Online International Virtual Assistants Convention

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Stephanie Middleton-Foster and Kathy McCabe share happy tears at 8th Annual Online International Virtual Assistants Convention (OIVAC)

Virtual Assistants tapped as winners of the Janet Jordan Achievement and the Thomas Leonard International Virtual Assistant of Distinction awards respectively during world-wide International Virtual Assistants Day (IVAD) celebration

Baltimore MD. May 22, 2013. Tucked in the middle of the 8th Annual Online International Virtual Assistants Convention (OIVAC) (May 17, specifically) during the International Virtual Assistants Day (IVAD) celebration, Stephanie Middleton-Foster and Kathy McCabe were informed they had been chosen as winners of the Janet Jordan Achievement and the Thomas Leonard International Virtual Assistant of Distinction Awards, respectively, from a field of highly qualified Virtual Assistants.

Each award winner received a Certificate of the award, a graphic marking the occasion to add to their website, gifts from donating sponsors and “bragging rights”.

In her nomination papers, Stephanie Middleton-Foster of Outhouse-UK.com *described how her VA business came to be, and some of the challenges and milestones she experienced along the way. She specifically spoke about how her business has grown 300% in one year and her plans to expand her team and business.*

Likewise, Kathy McCabe of HilltopSecretarial.com *gave a history of the beginnings of her long-time business, examples of volunteerism to the industry such as founding the Colorado VAs, and her local community involvement of teaching computer skills as part of local government-supported retraining program.*

All nominees were also required to supply testimonials from at least two peers or clients about their strengths and business acumen.

Virtual Assistants or VAs are independent entrepreneurs who work remotely and use the latest technology to deliver administrative, creative, managerial, technical, business back-office and/or remote personal support services to busy professionals everywhere. They are making important contributions to the growth and stability of small businesses worldwide.

"This event is very special for everyone involved in the VA industry because it brings together VA organizations and their memberships in three days of universal celebration of the best and brightest in our industry," says OIVAC Steering Committee Chair and VA industry trailblazer, Ms. Sharon Williams of <http://www.The24HourSecretary.com>.

Added Williams, *"The 8th Annual Online International Virtual Assistants Convention (OIVAC), sponsored by the Alliance for Virtual Businesses, (<http://www.allianceforvirtualbiz.com>) is a cost-effective, educational and web-based education, training and networking experience not to be missed."*

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About Online International Virtual Assistants Convention

OIVAC is an International Convention of Virtual Assistants providing learning, training, networking and information-sharing experience conducive to the hectic schedules of work-at-home and virtual entrepreneurs. For more information visit the OIVAC Web site at www.oivac.com.