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Barnes has received grants from the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) to conduct a series of hip-hop/poetry workshops for performance poets in Newark, and she was also instrumental in planning and organizing NJPAC's first hip-hop festival where she acted as guest curator and host of the festival's poetry series, *Sacred Circle Café*. In 2006, she was honored as the Stockton College Council of Black Faculty and Staff Distinguished Alumna.

A recipient of artist grants from the Puffin Foundation and the Newark Arts Council, Barnes has a poetry CD titled, *My Blues Ain't Over Yet*. Barnes received her Bachelor's degree in Literature from Stockton College in 1990; her Master's degree in Linguistics from Temple University in 1993, and in 2007, she began work on her doctorate degree in English at Illinois State University. Barnes lives and writes in North Plainfield, NJ.

Alexa D'Amato Barrera is a proud graduate of Mainland Regional High School (1994), Stockton's School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (1998) and the Rutgers School of Law (2001). She practices plaintiffs' personal injury law, representing those that have been injured in serious accidents, at the D'Amato Law Firm in Egg Harbor Township.

D'Amato Barrera has been selected to the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 and in 2007 she received

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Lynne Kesselman of Mays Landing in Hamilton Township, NJ, is a U.S. Department of

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Adelizzi-Schmidt entered the political arena in 2013 and made history by becoming the first female to be nominated by either party for State Senate in New Jersey's First Legislative District (Cape/Cumberland/Atlantic).

She also serves in various capacities in several business and civic community organizations including: Cape May County Republican Committee, State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Land Use Law & Planning Certification/New Jersey Planning Officials (NJPO) member, Upper Township Zoning Board of Adjustment, Somers Point Business Association - executive board, Cape May County Status of Women Advisory Commission, and as a member of the Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic City Hotel/Lodging Association, Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, Wildwood Chamber of Commerce, Country Shore Women's Club, Upper Township/Ocean City Rotary Club, Upper Township People's Republican Organization, Vineland Chamber of Commerce, and State of New Jersey Notary Public.

Suasion is the winner of two 2013 Ragan's PR Daily Awards (Best Branding Agency and Best Green Initiative); 2011, 2010 & 2009 NJ Governor's Awards for Tourism Excellence; a 2011 HSMIA Silver Adrian Award; and a 2009 HSMIA Bronze Adrian Award.

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