

SAN ANTONIO BUSINESS JOURNAL

The San Antonio Business Journal has a history of supporting and highlighting women in our business community and the issues that affect them as they strive for success.

Most recently, the Business Journal published a special report in its Aug. 30 issue on gender parity as it pertains to women's inclusion in corporate senior management and on corporate boards. In that report, titled "[Still a Long Way to Go](#)," the Business Journal examined nearly 330 companies across seven local industries, along with 22 governmental entities, to take stock of where the Alamo City is when it comes to women's progress in the workplace in terms of the highest levels of corporate leadership. The report spurred conversation in the community, including [an episode of "The Source" on Texas Public Radio](#) devoted to it featuring Business Journal Editor Tony Quesada and Reporter Jessica Corso, as well as [a segment of "On the Record" on KLRN](#), the local PBS affiliate with our editor.

That report was part of an ongoing initiative at the Business Journal that was initially called "Year of the Woman" and is now "BizWomen SA." In concert with that, the Business Journal has published many "Editor's Notes" and other commentary articles regarding women in business, such as:

- ["New group seeks to boost women on corporate boards"](#)
- ["Luncheon with trailblazing women shows demand for such events"](#)
- ["Successful women share insights on entrepreneurship"](#)
- ["Achieving gender parity among SA corporate leadership warrants ongoing conversation"](#)

The Business Journal has also supported groups such as Commercial Real Estate Women, Women Energy Network and, of course, NAWBO. Quesada has served on the judging committee for NAWBO's annual awards.

Before either of those initiatives, the Business Journal has for 19 years recognized female executives' accomplishments with our Women's Leadership Awards. This is one of the Business Journal's signature events and is a highly coveted distinction, with as many as 170 nominations received in a given year.

And for six years, the Business Journal has hosted an annual event called BizWomen Mentoring Monday, which brings together 40 or more top local women business leaders and hundreds of aspiring women in business for a morning of speed dating-style mentorship.

Going forward, the Business Journal will build on those events, possibly adding events focused on issues specific to women in the corporate world, while the newsroom will continue to report on gender equity and related topics on the pages of our paper and online.