

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Catalyst Award provides networking opportunities, national recognition, and prizes of \$10,000 to women of color leading us toward a healthier, safer, and more just world.

ABOUT US

Rachel's Network is a community of women at the intersection of environmental advocacy, philanthropy, and leadership.

Our mission is to promote women as impassioned leaders and agents of change dedicated to the stewardship of the earth.



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2019 Catalyst Award Winners





ANNEL HERNANDEZ
BROOKLYN, NY

Associate director of NYC Environmental Justice Alliance and key player in the passage of New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, one of the most ambitious climate laws in the world.



MARIA HERRERA
VISALIA, CA

Community development manager at Self-Help Enterprises and an appointee to the California Water Commission. Led the campaign to pass California's historic Human Right to Water Bill.



TARA HOUSKA
DULUTH, MN

Attorney and former national campaigns director of Honor the Earth who spent six months living and working in North Dakota fighting the Dakota Access Pipeline. Former advisor to the Bernie Sanders campaign.



BRIONTE MCCORKLE
ATLANTA, GA

Executive director of Georgia Conservation Voters, electing pro-environment candidates and holding elected officials accountable. Led the Georgia Sierra Club's involvement in the successful expansion of Atlanta's bus system.



JULIANA PINO
CHICAGO, IL

Policy director at the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization. Lead negotiator for Illinois' Future Energy Jobs Act, the most transformative piece of energy system legislation in the state's history.



HEATHER TONEY
OXFORD, MS

National field director at Mom's Clean Air Force. Former regional administrator for the EPA and former Mayor of Greenville, Mississippi (first African-American, first woman, and youngest).