



Congratulations to Brandi Ring-Cooper - 2007-2008 LWEN's Top Ten!

Cindy May, 2008 Top Ten Committee Chair, announced the Leading Women Express Network candidate for the national 2008 Top Ten Business Women competition at the May 9th LWEN meeting, Brandi Ring-Cooper.

Cindy May, along with her team, Lina Lawson, and Debbie Waskow, have submitted Brandi's application to the American Business Women's Association. Each year, 10 members are recognized nationally for exceptional achievements by being selected as the Top Ten Business Women of ABWA due to excelling in meeting career goals, enhancing their education, giving back to their communities, and their commitment to ABWA's mission. These women also demonstrate balance between their career, activities, and family.

The selection will be made in June/July, and if selected, Brandi will then go on to compete with 9 other outstanding business women for the title of 2008 Top Ten Business Woman of the Year at the 2007 ABWA National Leadership Conference in Greensboro, NC, September 20 - 22.

Brandi currently serves as the President of LWEN and has served in several leadership positions, including President Elect, and VP of Education and Resources. She eagerly assists with membership drives, new member orientations, and quarterly socials, demonstrating her leadership in her constant willingness to serve anywhere needed.

Brandi Ring-Cooper graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor degree in Communication in 2003. During her last year in school, Brandi obtained her real estate license and joined Coldwell Banker United, Realtors.

Brandi's success within the real estate industry has earned her many prestigious awards. She has been honored with Coldwell Banker's International Diamond Society award in recognition of volume of production for 3 consecutive years as well as the company's Eagle award, which is voted on by her peers. Brandi also holds a Quality Service Certification and has achieved 100% customer satisfaction, earning her a Platinum Certificate since receiving the certification. Brandi believes in helping others and is truly passionate about her job and her customers.

Brandi is also very involved in her community by being an active member of the local real estate board, Bryan/College Station Regional Association of Realtors. Her involvement with the board has allowed her to serve on the Fun/Run Walk Committee, a fundraiser to purchase shoes for children in the area. She has also contributed to Habitat for Humanity, Bryan/College Station Homebuilders Association, Brazos Valley Breakfast Club, College Station Rotary Club, and the American Cancer Society.

Brandi attributes her success to working hard and doing what is right. She believes in the ABWA mission statement and continually promotes growing personally and professionally through the power of the network of LWEN.

Congratulations again to Brandi Ring-Cooper, LWEN's 2008 Top Ten Candidate!

*Submitted by the
LWEN 2008 Top Ten Committee*

LWEN's 2007 Top Ten Nominee Announced – Lina Lawson



Brandi Ring Cooper, 2007 Top Ten Committee Chair, announced the Leading Women Express Network nominee for 2007 Top Ten Business Women competition at the national level at the May 10th LWEN meeting held at Briarcrest Country Club, Ms. Lina Lawson.

Lina is a true entrepreneur. She has built a remarkable career, selflessly donates her time for volunteer activities supporting the Bryan-College Station community and has held many leadership positions in both the Leading Women Express Network and the Bryan-College Station Charter Chapter. Lina is currently serving on the National Board of Directors as District II Vice President for the American Business Women's Association presiding over five states, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. Lina's portfolio will be reviewed by ABWA National and, if selected as a 2007 Top Ten, she will be notified later this summer and then will compete with nine other outstanding business women for the title of 2007 Top Ten Business Woman of the Year at the 2006 National Women's Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, September 28 - 30.

Go Lina!!

Lina graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with an emphasis in Graphic Design and Marketing in 1994. Immediately afterwards she went to work for C.C. Creations, the largest screen-printing and embroidery company in Texas, as an entry-level designer. Within one year, she proved herself worthy and moved into the Senior Designer level working on corporate accounts such as Frito-Lay with Chester the Cheetah, Walt Disney, Garfield,

Looney Tunes, ESPN, X-Games and many more. Building a relationship with these licensed properties was Lina's ultimate goal and it moved her into the Licensing Director position her second year as an employee. While working in the licensing arena, she built a great rapport with NBA, NHL, Lou Brock and Major League Baseball, top ranked universities, and a variety of professional athletes. Lina was at the forefront of the company making presentations for licenses C.C. Creations wanted to obtain. She had the opportunity during her four years in this position to attend Final Four, College World Series, World Series, Nokia Sugar Bowl, Rose Bowl, and Fed Ex Orange Bowl. Lina was promoted to Art Director in 1999 and molded the art department into an award-winning department and organized it for success. In 2004, Lina developed a position in merchandising and promoted her Assistant Art Director to Art Director. "Life is about opportunities, opportunities to grow, you can either be status quo, or find different arenas to build your expertise," says Lina. Lina Lawson lives by this philosophy and she enjoys helping others fulfill their dreams and successes.

After 11 years of service to C.C. Creations, Lina Lawson is now living her dream by owning her own graphic design firm with her identical twin sister; Tina Gandy called Twinz Co. Graphic Design. It is a full service graphic design firm located in downtown Bryan, Texas.

Lina balances her time with her stepson Collin, her husband Kenneth, and family while playing a key role in ABWA and extracurricular activities.