

## **Ayla Hamilton Earns YWCA Women of Distinction honours**

Nine exceptional women, including two from the Parkland communities of Binscarth and Russell, were honoured on Thursday, March 3 at the 29th annual Westman Communications Group YWCA Women of Distinction Dinner and Awards Gala.

More than 400 people attended the event. Women recognized included tireless volunteer Ayla Hamilton of Russell in the Young Women of Distinction category.

"These awards honour and recognize those women, who through their own initiative, ability and effort, have made an exemplary achievement in the fields," said YWCA Brandon executive director Karen Peto. "It's very important for women to be recognized."

The organization received 23 nominations this year, and a panel of seven community members narrowed down the list ahead of the awards night.

The YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Program is an inspirational and exciting celebration of talent, achievement, imagination and innovation, honouring Westman and Parkland women who have made a unique and exemplary contribution to the development of others in our community. The event is one of the local organizations largest annual fundraisers.

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