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Vice President Barbara McGowan receives Chicago Defender Women of Excellence award

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago commissioners and members of the executive team celebrated Vice President Barbara McGowan's Chicago Defender Women of Excellence award at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago on April 3. Vice President McGowan was honored for inspiring others through her vision and leadership.

"This was a great honor, and it is wonderful to be a part of Women of Excellence Sisterhood," said Commissioner McGowan.

Cheryl Mainor, publisher of the Chicago Defender, presented the awards, and Linda Johnson Rice, Chairman of the Johnson Publishing Company, served as keynote speaker. Darlene Hill of Fox-TV Chicago and Matt McGill of WVON-AM Radio served as Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Rahm Emanuel addressed the crowd, the Audley Redi Trio, string quartet Sylvia de la Cerna and soloist Kim Stratton provided musical entertainment.



Vice President Barbara J. McGowan.



Cheryl Mainor, publisher of the Chicago Defender, presents a Chicago Defender Women of Excellence award to Vice President Barbara McGowan.



NBC personality Art Norman greets MWRD Commissioners Kari Steele, Timothy Bradford, Vice President Barbara McGowan, Chairman of Finance Frank Avila and President Mariyana Spyropoulos during the Chicago Defender Women of Excellence award presentation.

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