

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 30, 2013



Welcome to the Inaugural Global Trade Awards Gala!

On behalf of Women in International Trade, Los Angeles (WIT-LA), I would like to thank you for attending the Global Trade Awards Gala and joining us this evening to celebrate a great year of activity, by enjoying this fabulous event.

WIT-LA takes pride in bringing this program to fruition by recognizing women from the Southern California area and from various countries around the world. I want to personally congratulate all the Global Trade Awards Winners.

Tonight, we take a few moments to recognize and honor women who have excelled in international trade and contributed to global economic growth, whose efforts and accomplishments in conducting and promoting international trade have been exemplary. We believe that by recognizing and celebrating these outstanding leaders and influencers, who have made unique contributions to our community and the international business arena, we expand the sphere and value of international trade.

We're honored to host this evening's event to celebrate with an evening filled with collegiality, excitement, and pride for the entire international trade community. I'd especially like to recognize and express our appreciation, for the attendance of dignitaries from a number of foreign Consulates, and thank them for supporting us in recognizing such accomplished individuals.

We are so grateful for the support of our sponsors: the firm of Mitchell, Silberberg and Knupp, the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, UPS, and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), and the other wonderful organizations who have partnered with us to make this event possible. I sincerely extend my gratitude to the WIT-LA Board for all their hard work, and to our volunteers who are making this event so elegant and enjoyable. Without everyone's support, as a major player in international trade, WIT-LA's educational programs and celebratory programs such as this would not be possible.

I look forward to sharing a memorable evening with you tonight!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lilia C. Navarrete', written in a cursive style.

Lilia C. Navarrete
President

Women in International Trade—Los Angeles (WIT-LA)

