

## Top 50 Women in Business: Science, Technology & Industry

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Darya Bronston is president of DKB Resources Inc., a certified, small, woman-owned business founded in 2000. The company is focused on research and development within the printed circuit board industry, or PCB, and provides PCB program management, engineering, design layout, and manufacturing support services.

Bronston launched the company believing that research and development of PCB projects did not have the level of engineering and manufacturing support required to meet the complicated and dynamic elements of developing products.

Her company has been involved in the most

demanding and schedule driven projects in the PCB industry, the most notable of which include the 2003 and the 2009 Mars Rover Programs for Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the EKV and RAFAR Programs for Raytheon Systems.

Bronston attended community college and the Brooks Institute of Photography before embarking on her career in the PCB industry.

DKB Resources and Bronston were honored in 2004 by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory with an award for their efforts and support of the Spirit and Opportunity Rovers. In 2009 she was awarded the Business Times' 40 Under 40 recognition.



## Saluting the leaders of today, tomorrow

Welcome to the latest edition of Top 50 Women in Business, one of the most successful special reports in the 10-year history of the Pacific Coast Business Times.

With far, far, far more nominations than we could ever accommodate, Top 50 Women in Business now occupies a place at the top ranks of our editorial calendar offerings. This reflects the fact that women are moving up the ladder among major employers throughout the Tri-Counties.

We're also seeing a number of women-owned companies succeed in today's tough economy, making the executives at these companies some of the most sought-after experts in our region and across the country.

Inspired by the success of Top 50 Women in Business, we have expanded our coverage of women in the executive suite to include six focus sections entitled "Women & Co." that spot trends in the workplace, offer advice to business owners and include news items to build better networks among businesswomen in our region.

Following a tradition started in 2008, we

have organized our Top 50 Women in Business around industry categories. This year they are: Banking & Finance, Chambers of Commerce & Higher Education, Legal and Insurance Services, Consumer Services & Real Estate, Health Care & Nonprofits, and Science, Technology & Industry.



**HENRY DUBROFF**  
*Editor*

We believe these categories demonstrate areas where women are leading the way now and in future years. Within each category we have identified one Editor's Choice winner, who will receive special recognition at our Top 50 Women in Business reception on Tuesday, May 11, at the

Four Seasons Biltmore Resort in Santa Barbara.

Roughly half our winners this year are senior-level executives or business owners who consistently have shown they are c-level leaders and who are likely to be in our section in future years.

Our second group includes women from smaller companies or less senior positions whose significant accomplishments this year move them into the top ranks.

The section was produced by Special Reports Editor Jim Logan with help from our staff, including Technology Editor Stephen Nellis, Finance/Real Estate Editor Marlize van Romburgh and Executive Editor Tony Biasotti. The cover was produced by Advertising Graphic Designer Ashley Dunsmore.

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Please mark your calendars for the evening of Thursday, May 11, when we will hold a reception and awards program for this year's class of Top 50 Women in Business at the Santa Barbara Biltmore.

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