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Inspired leadership



Left to right, Framingham School Committee member Gloria Pascual, Mayor Yvonne Spicer, honoree Audrey Hall, Brenda Thompson Stuckey, director of employment, diversity and inclusion at Atrius Health, and school committee member Tracey Bryant pose for photo during the 'Women Making History Now' awards ceremony at Framingham State University on Monday. [DAILY NEWS AND WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/RUBY WALLAU]

At 'Women Making History Now' Framingham State honors six community leaders

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FRAMINGHAM — Six women from around the region were honored Monday for their leadership in the community and commitment to public service during Framingham State University's fourth annual "Women Making History Now" ceremony.

The honorees, who work in politics, the media, education and community development,

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received awards and discussed some of the defining moments in their lives during a gathering at the McCarthy Center Forum.

This year's award recipients are Framingham City Councilor Margareth Shepard, Hemenway Elementary School art teacher Amy Brown, local media consultant and longtime Framingham Town Meeting member Audrey Hall, U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley,

Framingham State University assistant professor Patricia Sanchez-Connally, and Downtown Framingham Inc. Executive Director Courtney Thraen.

The event coincides with Framingham State's celebrations of Women's History Month.

The university's president, Javier Cevallos, said the school launched the series to recognize strong women and help solidify the school's ties with the community.

Leading students to find #HemenwayKindess

Brown started her career as a Framingham teacher in 2006. This year, she was recognized for helping students at Hemenway Elementary channel their feelings after a Muslim student was targeted with racist notes in 2018. Brown helped students create artwork with themes of support and inclusion, which decorated the halls of the school building. A hashtag, #HemenwayKindness, accompanied the campaign.