

Congratulations! Rae Anne To Be Honored!

Rae Anne Rushing will be recognized at the **4th Annual WORDpower™ Women's Voice: Women's Choice Leadership Awards™ Reception**, scheduled for June 10, 2011, 5:30pm – 8:30pm at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel.

She will be recognized because of her tireless leadership and dedication to the advancement of women and girls in the workplace.

RAE ANNE RUSHING, P.E., LEED AP:

...Is many things; a natural leader, an engineer, an entrepreneur and a visionary.

With this toolbox of traits, starting Rushing Company was the obvious next step to continuing her vision of strong, creative, sustainable engineering. The way she sees it, there is no creativity without diversity. More than one way of thinking is critical in the development of a successful solution. It is her passion for this that led to the evolution of Rushing Company into a diverse, multi-disciplinary firm, constantly seeking new innovative, collaborative, approaches to engineering and sustainability. Rushing currently employs 33 professionals in the mechanical and electrical engineering fields.

In 1982, at the age of 17, the choice of becoming an engineer was about two things: 1) She was naturally strong in math and science; and 2) it was the highest paid profession with a four year degree right out of school.

Money was very important as she was a teen parent with one small child with only a GED equivalency high school diploma. She was brought into the University of Washington system through the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP), specifically the Economically Disadvantaged Student Division (EDSD). As she went through the process of applying to the UW, she knew that her approved admission was her door to a life. Today she has three children, all adults: 29, 25, and 19. They are all college graduates or on their way to becoming college graduates! Her career in Engineering made this all possible.

When not working, she likes to spend her time practicing yoga, skiing, and walking with her dog named Russell Q. Tip.