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Kate Barany: UIC Woman of the Year

During the annual reception of the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW), Chancellor David C. Broski introduced CCSW's 1996 UIC Woman of the Year and awarded her a plaque and a monetary reward. Kate Barany, PhD, was recognized as a woman who made significant



(l to r) Chancellor David C. Broski, PhD; Kate Barany, PhD

contributions to the lives of the university's women. Chancellor Broski called Barany, "A woman who sets the example." A survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp, Hungarian-born Barany came to America in 1960 and has been at UIC since 1974. She has been an active member of CCSW and a volunteer in many other programs for more than two decades.

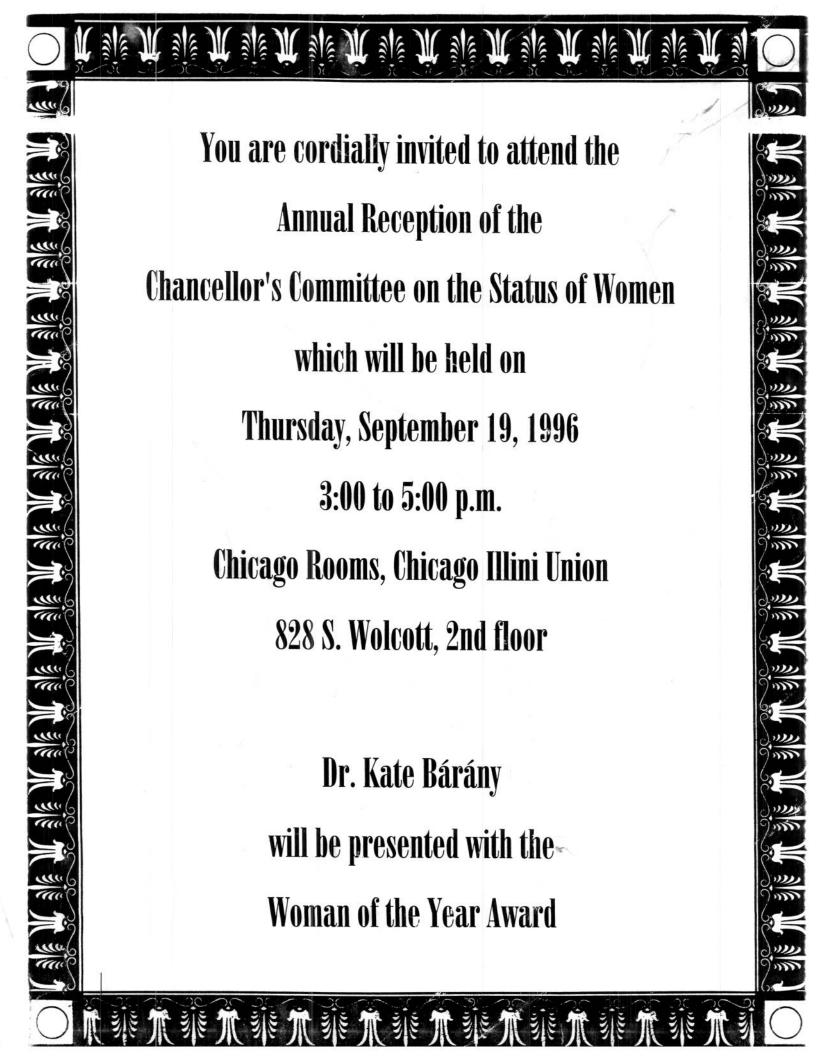
"I will cherish this award forever."

—Kate Barany, PhD

Barany, a professor of Physiology and Biophysics, has a national and international reputation in the field of muscle physiology. Her published research papers, reviews, and book chapters are numerous. During her years at UIC, she has been honored with such awards as "Best Organized Lecturer—1996," and the "Golden Apple Award—1989," for excellence in medical teaching.

A partial list of her contributions to UIC's women includes such activities as organizing "Promotion and Tenure Workshops," participating in mentoring workshops, reviewing applications for the "Bryn Mawr College Summer Institute," and advising students returning to school after raising a family. She fought for additional women's rest rooms and arranged the listing of "Maternity Leave" in the Faculty Handbook index. She also requested a more flexible policy for selection of Junior University Scholars, to ensure that women would not be penalized if their career development was slowed during their childbearing years.

In her acceptance speech, Barany concluded by recalling one of her first projects as a member of CCSW—the establishment of a child care center, to which she donated her UIC Woman of the Year award money of \$1,000.





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Drs. Michael and Kate Barany
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Dear Michael and Kate:

Thank you for sharing with me both the program from the Tribute Symposium and a copy of the Hospital's This Week newsletter in which your family is featured. Although I knew of your achievements and contributions to UIC, I was not aware of your remarkable family. You must be very proud of them.

Please know that all of us at UIC are grateful for your significant contributions to science and to the reputation of our institution. We're fortunate to have you on our faculty. Congratulations!

Sincerely your

David C. Broski Chancellor

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