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The Candace Awards, established in 1982 by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and by Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur, are set up to acknowledge extraordinary achievements by Black Women in the fields of arts and letters, business, civil rights, communications, economic development, education, health, history, public service and science. A special distinguished service category is also presented. The winners were announced by Jewell Jackson McCabe, President of the Coalition, and by Alvin J. Ferro, president of Baileys Original Irish Cream Liqueur. The gala black-tie ceremony honoring the thirteen recipients took place on Thursday evening, November 8, 1984 in the Temple of Dendur, Sackler Wing, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Other winners of the third annual Candace Awards and a brief summary of their accomplishments are:

[[IMAGE]]  
Chase  
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Bell

**Business-**  
Leah Lange Chase- Fifty-one-year-old Leah Chase is the owner and chef of the thriving Dooky Chase Restaurant in New Orleans. Considered by many to be a national landmark, Dooky's has received national acclaim and remains an important institution in the Black community. In addition to her work at the restaurant, Chase is active on the boards of the New Orleans City Ballet, the New Orleans Symphony and the proposed Louisiana Children's Museum.

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**Economic Development-**  
Patricia Duncan—President of Duncan, Decore Company, an electrical contracting firm employing 20 to 30 people, Pat Duncan won contracts with Con Edco, the New York City Transit Authority and the New York State Dormitory Authority. Six years ago, the South Carolina legislature knew nothing of marketing a small company. Today Duncan serves on numerous boards and advisory committees helping to stimulate jobs and opportunities for minority women. She has chaired the Governor's Advisory Council for Minority Business Enterprises and works closely with New York State Assembly Speaker Stanley Papp's Small Business Regeneration Business Advisory Group for the development of small and minority business in her hometown. In February, 1983, Duncan was appointed chair of the Advisory Council for Minority and Minority-Owned Business Enterprise. Mrs. Duncan and her husband, Executive

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