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Just announced! The individuals we honor in this year's Berkshire 25 have made the Berkshires better by staying the course and putting in the work, often overcoming many obstacles. Their chosen paths bring them not just to our attention, but more importantly into the lives of those who need them most. The group includes business leaders, educators, medical professionals, musicians, writers, environmentalists, cultural leaders, military members, builders, preservers of history, and advocates for social change. In a world of short attention spans and dwindling human interaction, we honor the commitment to community of this year's Berkshire 25, now in its 13th year.

On Wednesday, October 14, Berkshire Magazine will hold a special reception honoring this year's Berkshire 25, sponsored by Beacon Bank and hosted at Beacon Cinema in Pittsfield. Everyone is invited! Afterwards, please stay for a movie, which includes special screenings of Other Mommy and Raiders of the Lost Ark, both of which feature 2026 Berkshire 25 honoree Karen Allen. Proceeds from the event go to the non-profit 1761 Arts. The link to purchase tickets is 1761arts.org/give, and the article on this year's 25 can be found at berkshiremag.com/post/berkshire-25-2026

They are ...

Louis J. Allegrone
Karen Allen
Heather Putnam Boulger
James Brosnan
Gina Coleman
Genée Coreno
Shaun Cusson
Mariah Forstmann
Mike Dell'Aquila and Sarah Real
Alicia Ginsberg
Danielle Gonzalez
Laurie Gordy
Julia Keosaian
Ethan Klepetar
Gary Levante
Laura Macklin
Chantell McCulloch
Joshua Needleman
Ben Nickley
Alan Paul
Gary Pratt
Bob Salerno
Lauren Stevens
and Dubois Thomas **See less**