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**Martha Mayhood Mertz** is founder of ATHENA International which seeks a balance in leadership by opening leadership opportunities for women throughout the world. Developing and teaching from the ATHENA Leadership Model, she has given voice and significance to the unique characteristics that women bring to leadership. She considers it her privilege to function as the ambassador for ATHENA since it began. Her travels on behalf of the organization have taken her to hundreds of cities in the U.S. and around the globe.

<b>ATHENA International</b>	<p><b>Founder</b>, 1982–current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past President, Board and Executive Committee, and International Recipient</li> </ul>
<b>Speaking and Workshops</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations internationally on women’s leadership: U.S., Canada, China, Russia, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Bermuda, India and Kenya.</li> <li>• Facilitated World Café presentations in multiple cities.</li> <li>• Four ATHENA Leadership Institute Seminars, Zayed University, UAE.</li> </ul>
<b>Author</b>	<p><i>Becoming ATHENA: Eight Principles That Make Women Great Leaders.</i>      Publication in spring of 2009.  <i>Women in Leadership</i> - numerous articles written.      Numerous interviews with newspaper and magazine for articles.      Guest speaker for radio and television shows about women and leadership.</p>
<b>Awards and Distinctions</b>	<p><b>Visionary Award</b> NAWBO Sedona 2008  <b>Hall of Fame</b>, Enterprising Women’s Magazine 2006  <b>Corp! Magazine</b>, 95 Most Powerful Women in Michigan 2001  <b>Office Depot</b>, Visionary Award 2001  <b>Lansing State Journal</b>, 100 Most Influential People of the Millennium 2000  <b>Vassilisa Award</b>, honoring outstanding achievement on behalf of women.      Moscow, Russia 1997  <b>NAWBO</b>, Top 25 Women Owned Businesses in Michigan 1997  <b>City Toastmasters</b>, Communicator of the Year 1994  <b>H.C. Berger Award</b>, Distinguished Citizenship 1993  <b>Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce</b>, ATHENA Award 1986  <b>YWCA</b>, Diana Award for Business Excellence 1984  <b>U.S. Small Business Administration</b>, Michigan WOMAN-IN-BUSINESS      ADVOCATE 1984</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p>LMI Leadership Institute      Center for Creative Leadership      Psychology, Women’s Studies      Michigan State University, E.L. MI B.A.      St. Catherine’s College, St. Paul, MN</p>
<b>Community Service</b>	<p>President, Sparrow Health System Foundation      President, Greater Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce      President, Economic Development Corporation of Lansing      Vice-President, Greater Lansing Board of Realtors      Vice-President, Capitol Region Community Foundation      Board, Zonta Club      Board, Riverwalk Theater      Board, WKAR AM-FM Public Broadcasting System      Board, Sedona Community Foundation      Board Verde Valley Sinfonietta</p>