

NAPER SETTLEMENT



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Museum president and CEO recognized as Influential Woman in Business in 2019

NAPERVILLE, IL — Naper Settlement is pleased to announce that Macarena (Rena) Tamayo-Calabrese, the museum's president and CEO, has been named as an Influential Woman in Business in 2019 by the Daily Herald Business Ledger. Tamayo-Calabrese is one of twenty-one honorees in this year's class.

Tamayo-Calabrese joined Naper Settlement as the president and CEO in 2014. Under her leadership and in collaboration with the City of Naperville, the museum has undergone significant transformation from an exclusively 19th century focus to a 20th and 21st century inclusive and broader story of the many people that have established communities in the area. During her tenure, the museum has seen exponential growth in overall attendance – now reaching over 365,000 visitors and surpassing a net economic impact of \$4.2 million last year – and improvements to educational programs for more than 35,000 school children from 112 school districts in Northern Illinois.

After developing and launching the museum's capital campaign, Never Settle, Tamayo-Calabrese secured the institution's first seven-figure gift, and recently surpassed its 50% goal. The museum continues to grow in substance and reputation and has been the recipient of the Institute for Museum and Library Service's National Leadership Grant and Museums Empowered Grant, as well as being invited to participate in the American Alliance of Museum's Facing Change Grant.

"I am privileged to lead an impressive group of museum experts. The Naperville Heritage Society and the residents have deposited their trust in the work we are doing, and know that while change is difficult, it will ensure that we have a thriving and sustainable museum. One where they can gather, learn, and find themselves equitably represented," said Tamayo-Calabrese.

Tamayo-Calabrese and the other honorees will be celebrated at an awards luncheon on November 1 in Oak Brook.

About Naper Settlement

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited, award-winning outdoor museum set on 13 magnificent acres in the heart of Naperville. Located 30 miles from Chicago, the museum is home to thirty historical structures dating back as early as the 1830s. Featuring exhibits, special events, educational programming and more, Naper Settlement is where history comes alive and the community comes to connect. For more information, visit www.napersettlement.org or call (630) 420-6010.