

**Patti Samar**  
**President**  
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**Biography:**

Samar is both a 1985 and 1989 graduate of Northern Michigan University where she received both a bachelor of science degree in English and a master of arts degree in English and writing. She studied graphic design at Lansing Community College.

She is the recipient of several writing and design awards from notable organizations such as the Associated Press and the Detroit Press Club Foundation. She recently won an Award of Excellence—First Place for magazine design from the Detroit Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. She is also the recipient of an Aster Award for excellence in healthcare marketing. Her writing has been published in numerous magazines both regionally and nationally, including the *Detroit Free Press Magazine* and *Seventeen*.

She is a member of the Detroit Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce in St. Clair County, Michigan, and the Lake Superior Community Partnership in Marquette County, Michigan.

Additionally, she has volunteered for numerous charitable and philanthropic organizations within both Marquette and St. Clair counties, including the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, the Port Huron Hospital Festival of Trees, the Ishpeming Rotary Club, the Negaunee Community Education program, the St. Clair County Chapter of the March of Dimes, and the Michigan Waterways Council of the Girl Scouts, among others.