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She has received numerous awards including being one of 15 women featured in the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum's exhibit entitled "Pioneering the Field: Women in Mining" and was recently recognized as a Fellow of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration.

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