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## Diane von Furstenberg receives Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Woman of Leadership Award

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*Diane von Furstenberg and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Photo credit: The Dwight D. Opperman Foundation*

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U.S. fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg has been awarded the 2022 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Woman of Leadership Award.

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Ms. von Furstenberg will be honored at the Library of Congress next month at an exclusive invitation-only ceremony and gala. This is the third distribution of the award.

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg represents everything I admire," Ms. von Furstenberg said in a statement. "She was the embodiment of justice, strength and character.

"To get an award in her name is a great honor."

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Previous recipients of the award include Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and art collector and civic leader, Agnes Gund.

Ms. von Furstenberg is the program director of The Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation, which provides philanthropic support to non-profit organizations the work in education, human rights, arts, health and the environment.

*The DVF Awards celebrate women advocating for women*

In 2020, Ms. von Furstenberg honored Justice Ginsburg at the DVF awards, bringing the celebration to Washington to commend her. At the ceremony, she explained her admiration for Justice Ginsburg and how they had recently met.

The DVF Awards have been held since 2010 and honor five women who display leadership, strength and courage in their work towards advancing women's causes. The Diller-von Furstenberg Family Foundation awards each recipient \$50,000 to further their nonprofit.

Prior to Justice Ginsburg's passing, she established the award with Julie Opperman, chairman of the Dwight D. Opperman Foundation. The award aims to celebrate and commend exceptional women who have dedicated themselves to the advancement and betterment of society.

"I have admired Diane von Furstenberg my entire adult life," Ms. Opperman in a statement.

"However, what I have learned about her as a result of our selection process, I now respect von Furstenberg beyond what words can express," she said. "She serves as an inspiration to all who know her, and to all who will learn about her for generations to come."

Ms. von Furstenberg and Justice Ginsburg have connected in several ways over the years.

In 2018, actress Felicity Jones played Justice Ginsburg in the biographical film, *On the Basis of Sex*, and at one point in the film wears a classic Diana von Furstenberg wrap dress from the time period. The print featured on the dress drew attention from audiences around the world, prompting the label to release the print ([see story](#)).

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