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Women of Achievement Announces the 2016 Class of Extraordinary Volunteers
10 area women recognized for their outstanding commitment to volunteer service and leadership

ST. LOUIS, MO (March 21, 2016) – Women of Achievement is pleased to announce the 2016 Class of Honorees, a selection of 10 extraordinary volunteers from the St. Louis metropolitan region. Founded in 1955, the St. Louis Women of Achievement Award is the oldest, ongoing program in the area whose sole mission is to honor and recognize the volunteer service and volunteer leadership of women. The 2016 Class will be recognized at the 2016 Women of Achievement Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10 at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. and the luncheon runs until 1:30 p.m. This year’s luncheon chair is Pam Toder and the vice chair is Gin Wachter. Luncheon reservations are $60 per person and can be made online at www.woastl.org/luncheon-reservations or by contacting Tiffanie Fleschert at MAC Meetings & Events at 314.584.6020 or tfleschert@macmeetings.com.

The 2016 Class of Honorees includes:
- Maimuna Baig, MD – Community Health
- Carol Beeman – Community Welfare
- Ronnie Brockman – Youth Enrichment
- Etta Daniels – Historic Preservation
- Lynn Friedman Hamilton – Older Adult Services
- Carol Swartout Klein – Civic Responsibility
- Marlys Schuh, MD – Women’s Health
- Annie Guyton Seal – Health Advocacy
- Kathryn Winter – Volunteer Leadership
- Patricia Wolff, MD – Humanitarian Concerns

“Volunteers are the backbone of our community and nonprofits, and each year we take great pride and joy in honoring women volunteers who have selflessly dedicated their time, energy and efforts to helping others,” said Women of Achievement President Joni Karandjeff. “With their extensive years of
volunteering and unflinching dedication and service, this year’s honorees are extraordinary in every way.”

“The impact our honorees have made in the St. Louis and beyond really hits home at the luncheon,” said Pam Toder, chair of the 2016 Luncheon. “In addition to awarding the honorees, we feature a beautifully produced video about their volunteer service, history and leadership. To see the smiles, the tears and to feel the compassion in the room is very special.”

Women of Achievement honorees are selected from nominations from the St. Louis metropolitan area, including Metro East Illinois, who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the betterment of the St. Louis region through voluntary contributions, volunteer leadership and a significant breadth of a volunteer career. Women of Achievement considers nominees with significant volunteer impact in areas such as, but not limited to, education, arts, health and human services, youth and family, philanthropy, social justice and advocacy. For additional information about the awards, luncheon and honorees, please visit www.woastl.org.

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About Women of Achievement
In 1955, the St. Louis-Globe Democrat newspaper created an awards program that became known as the Women of Achievement Award, to recognize and honor the achievements of women who, through their volunteer efforts, have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in the St. Louis community. The St. Louis Women of Achievement organization, a 501c3, not-for-profit organization, was established in 1993 by former Women of Achievement who wanted to ensure the longevity of the award for future generations of St. Louis area women. The organization's Board of Directors, comprised of past recipients of the award, continue to plan and implement the nomination, selection and award presentation process ensuring that this award will continue to enhance and honor the women volunteers in the St. Louis metropolitan region who positively impact the community, for many years to come. For more information visit the Women of Achievement website at www.woastl.org.

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