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2019 St. Louis Women of Achievement Announced

10 extraordinary St. Louis area women to be honored for their outstanding volunteer service and leadership

ST. LOUIS, MO (February 25, 2019) – Women of Achievement is pleased to announce the **2019 Women of Achievement** – a selection of 10 extraordinary volunteers from the St. Louis metropolitan region. The St. Louis Women of Achievement Award, which was founded in 1955, 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 10 honorees will be recognized at the **2019 Women of Achievement Luncheon** on Tuesday, **May 14** 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 Eva Frazer, M.D. (Class of 2014) and the vice chair is Joni Karandjeff (Class of 2008). Luncheon reservations are \$60 per person and can be made online at www.woastl.org/luncheon-reservations or by contacting Women of Achievement at 314.896.4962 or woastlouis@gmail.com.

The 2019 Class of Honorees includes:

Jill Aul — Social Justice
Simone Bernstein — Youth Empowerment
Jessica Bueler — Community Betterment
Valeda Keys — Health Advocacy
Jo Ann Taylor Kindle — Spirit of Giving
Kalen McAllister — Social Enterprise
Mary Lieber Schoolman — Civic Responsibility
Mary Harper Thomas — Educational Enrichment
Cindy Lander Wallach — Youth & Family
Ms. Ollie Tucker Ward — Lifetime Service

“From an honoree who started a volunteer-based nonprofit organization to a 90-year-old honoree who has a lifetime of volunteerism, this class is truly extraordinary and reflects the amazing and tireless volunteer service taking place in our region,” said **Women of Achievement President Gwendolyn Packnett, Ph.D. (Class of 2006)**. “We’re honored to announce this Class of 2019—a selection of outstanding women who have made a tremendous impact in the St. Louis community.”

“Each year Women of Achievement recognizes and honors 10 exemplary women who dedicate their time in service to others. The annual luncheon is an opportunity to share and celebrate the remarkable stories of volunteerism and charitable works of our honorees,” said **Women of Achievement Luncheon Chair Eva Frazer, M.D. (Class of 2014)**. “The luncheon is a festive event complete with a gourmet meal, featuring a 30-minute video about the honorees and their service to the St. Louis region, but it is really about the power of one person's ability to truly make a difference in the lives of others. The luncheon is inspiring, uplifting and joyous!”

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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