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2020 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 19, 2020) – Women of Achievement is pleased to announce the **2020 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 **2020 Women of Achievement Luncheon** on Tuesday, **September 15** at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the luncheon runs until 1:30 p.m. This year’s luncheon chair is Joni Karandjeff (Class of 2008) and the vice chair is Elizabeth Mannen (Class of 2017). Luncheon reservations are \$60 per person and can be made online at woastl.org/luncheonreservations or by contacting Women of Achievement at 314.896.4962 or woastlouis@gmail.com.

The 2020 Class of Honorees includes:

Susan Balk — Impactful Leadership
Debbie Caplin — Pet Therapy Advocacy
Carlene Davis — Lifetime Service
Susan Gobbo — Multicultural Enrichment
Jennifer Hillman — Creative Philanthropy
Susan Hockensmith — Compassionate Welfare
Sherrill Jackson — Health & Education
Toni Renee Jordan — Change Agent
Susan Katzman — Women’s Empowerment
Joan Lipkin — Arts & Social Justice

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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