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**2020 St. Louis Women of Achievement Announced,  
Awards Celebration to be Broadcast September 14 at 7 p.m.**

*After postponement of 2020 Women of Achievement Luncheon, 10 extraordinary St. Louis area women will be honored for their outstanding volunteer service and leadership with awards celebration broadcast on Nine PBS.*

**ST. LOUIS, MO (August 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 were originally scheduled to be recognized at the 2020 Women of Achievement Luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton on May 12, and later on September 15, but the luncheon was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Now, the honorees are being recognized in an hour-long awards celebration broadcast on Nine PBS on **September 14** at 7 p.m. A recording of the program will also go online on Women of Achievement’s website (**woastl.org**) after the broadcast.

The 2020 Women of Achievement:

**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

The 65<sup>th</sup> Women of Achievement Awards Celebration’s mistress of ceremonies is **Carol Daniel** of KMOX, and the celebration was filmed at the **Fabulous Fox Theatre** in advance of the September 14

broadcast. The celebration includes this year's honorees walking the red carpet, receiving their awards, and presentations by Women of Achievement President Marian Nunn (Class of 2013), Luncheon Chair Joni Karandjeff (Class of 2008), and presenting sponsors KMOX, Ladue News and St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The awards celebration also includes additional segments highlighting the history of Women of Achievement, its role in the St. Louis area, and acknowledgement of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. A heartwarming portion of the program is individual segments dedicated to each honoree. The segments include interviews with honorees' volunteer colleagues and/or family members, and draw attention to each honoree's years of volunteer service and the impact of that service and leadership.

"We are delighted to partner with the Nine Network to air the 2020 awards in this new, transformative format," said Women of Achievement President **Marian Nunn**. "This year's Women of Achievement are not only creative and true leaders, but also flexible as we continued to adjust our plans during the pandemic. Now, with this wonderful broadcast support of Nine Network, even more people will know the contributions of these incredible women."

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.

The chair of the 2020 Women of Achievement Awards Celebration is Joni Karandjeff (Class of 2008) and the vice chair is Elizabeth Mannen (Class of 2017). **For more information about the broadcast on Nine PBS, please visit [www.woastl.org](http://www.woastl.org) or call 314.896.4962.**

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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](http://www.woastl.org).

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