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2024 Women of Achievement Honorees Announced

Women of Achievement honors 10 extraordinary St. Louis area women for their exceptional and impactful volunteer service and leadership

Award-winning veteran journalist and host Carol Daniel to emcee the 2024 Women of Achievement Award Luncheon

30-minute video about the honorees' extensive volunteer service will be shown during May 14 event

ST. LOUIS, MO (March 2024) – Women of Achievement is pleased to announce the **2024 Women of Achievement** – a selection of 10 outstanding volunteers from across the St. Louis metropolitan region. The 10 honorees will be recognized and celebrated at the **2024 Women of Achievement Award Luncheon** on Tuesday, **May 14** at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis.

The 2024 Women of Achievement and their designations are listed below.

Dana Adams — Civic Responsibility
Kimberly Beck — Community Welfare
Linda Estell — Volunteer Leadership
Eleanor Higgins — Youth Enrichment
Ali Hogan — Women's Empowerment
Melissa A. Jaco — Juvenile Justice
Billie Kramme — Humanitarian Concerns
Melinda Ligon, D.O. — Cultural Enrichment
Phyllis Markus — Multicultural Advocacy
Phyllis Weber — Lifetime Service

The St. Louis Women of Achievement Award, which was founded in 1955 and celebrates its 69th anniversary this year, is the **oldest, ongoing program in the area** whose sole mission is to honor and recognize the volunteer service and volunteer leadership of women. Each year, Women of Achievement

selects 10 honorees from an extensive process beginning with nominations submitted by the public. The honorees are volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the betterment of the St. Louis region through **uncompensated voluntary contributions, volunteer leadership** and a **significant breadth of a volunteer career**.

The Class of 2024 honorees will be recognized at the **2024 Women of Achievement Award Luncheon** on Tuesday, **May 14** at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon ends at 1:30 p.m. Award-winning St. Louis veteran journalist and host **Carol Daniel** serves as the luncheon emcee. A 30-minute video about the honorees and their extensive volunteer service to the St. Louis region will be shown during the luncheon. This year's luncheon chair is **Peggy Holly** (Class of 2022). **Kathie Winter** (Class of 2016) is the president of Women of Achievement and **Cassie Strom** (Class of 2021) is the vice president. Luncheon reservations are \$60 per person and can be made online beginning in March 2024 at woastl.org/event or by contacting Women of Achievement at 314.896.4962 or woastlouis@gmail.com.

“Our Honorees are celebrated for selflessly dedicating their time and talents to address diverse community needs,” said **Women of Achievement President Kathie Winter**. “Their unwavering commitment is inspiring, and their remarkable achievements have significantly improved countless lives. It is a genuine privilege to highlight their accomplishments and promote awareness about the causes they champion.”

“We look forward to shining a spotlight on these ten women – women who have committed themselves to volunteer work that makes our community better,” said **Women of Achievement Luncheon Chair Peggy Holly**. “The impact of their efforts is not just to the organizations and individuals they serve, but to the entire region. Our May luncheon is truly a celebration to recognize the achievements of these Honorees and the causes they care so deeply about.”

Women of Achievement honorees are selected from nominations from the St. Louis metropolitan region, including Metro East Illinois. 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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