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**HONORING AND ILLUMINATING ST. LOUIS'  
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**2025 St. Louis Women of Achievement Announced**

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

*From Ferguson to Sullivan to St. Louis, honorees come from across the metropolitan region with  
extensive and impactful volunteerism*

*Honorees to be recognized at 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2025 Women of Achievement Award Luncheon  
on Tuesday, May 13*

**ST. LOUIS, MO (April 2025)** – Women of Achievement is pleased to announce the **2025 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 **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2025 Women of Achievement Award Luncheon** on Tuesday, **May 13** at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis.

The 2025 Women of Achievement and their designations are listed below.

**Mendi Baker** — Military Family Advocacy  
**Melanie Barrier** — Music Therapy  
**Theresa Bradley** — Community Enrichment  
**Buffy Dillon** — Health & Education  
**Jodie Condie Finney, DPT** — Caring & Compassion  
**Letty Preston Goering** — Multicultural Outreach  
**Jennifer Hope** — Youth Healing & Welfare  
**Alice Ludmer** — Volunteer Leadership  
**Gail Olson** — Community Revitalization  
**Anna M. Warfield** — Spirit of Giving

The St. Louis Women of Achievement Award is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Founded in

1955, Women of Achievement 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 2025 honorees will be recognized at the **2025 Women of Achievement Award Luncheon** on Tuesday, **May 13** at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon ends at 1:30 p.m. This year's luncheon chair is **Julie Williams** (Class of 2022) and the vice chair is **Vicki Friedman** (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 2025 at [woastl.org/event](http://woastl.org/event) or by contacting Women of Achievement at 314.896.4962 or [woastlouis@gmail.com](mailto:woastlouis@gmail.com). **Presenting sponsors are KMOX Radio, Ladue News and St. Louis Post-Dispatch.**

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

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