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2021 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 (May 10, 2021) – Women of Achievement is pleased to announce the **2021 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 2021 Women of Achievement:

Lourdes Trevino Bailon — Community Welfare
Rebeccah L. Bennett — Equitable Leadership
Susan Colangelo — Social Justice Artist
Judge (Ret.) Annette A. Eckert — Teen Advocate
Lannis E. Hall, M.D. — Health Advocacy
Rachel Goldman Miller — Lifetime Service
Carole Splater — Community Betterment
Grace Elizabeth Strobel — Youth Outreach
Cassie A. Strom — Veterans Advocacy
Cheryl D. S. Walker — Impactful Leadership

The 10 honorees will be recognized in an awards celebration broadcast on Nine PBS in September 2021. A recording of the program will also go online on Women of Achievement's website (woastl.org) after the broadcast. In the past, Women of Achievement celebrated its honorees at the annual **Women of Achievement Luncheon** at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis, but due to the pandemic the organization recreated the Women of Achievement Awards Celebration last year as a television broadcast and is continuing the same format this year.

The **66th Women of Achievement Awards Celebration** will be an hour-long broadcast, consisting of pre-recorded segments filmed on location at various Kranzberg Arts Foundation venues in the Grand Center Arts District. The celebration includes this year's honorees making a grand entrance, receiving their awards, and presentations by past Women of Achievement and sponsors. The awards celebration also includes additional segments highlighting the history of Women of Achievement and its role in recognizing St. Louis area volunteers. A heartwarming portion of the program is individual segments dedicated to each honoree, featuring interviews with honorees' volunteer colleagues and/or family members that highlight each honoree's years of volunteer service and the impact of that service and leadership.

“Once again, we recognize and honor phenomenal women committed to causes they believe in. Their extraordinary volunteer service and volunteer leadership remind us we are fortunate to have such strong, committed, passionate, and courageous women in the St. Louis region,” said **Women of Achievement President Marian Nunn**. “The 2021 honorees provide volunteer services that impact individuals and families, transform businesses, organizations, and communities, advance awareness on many of issues of our day, and inspire people to recognize their possibilities and purpose in life.”

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.

Marian Nunn (Class of 2013) is the president of Women of Achievement. **Pam Toder** (Class of 2011) is the vice president. This year's event chair is **Ida Early** (Class of 2014) and the event vice chairs are **Lynn Hamilton** (Class of 2016) and **Kathie Winter** (Class of 2016). Presenting sponsors are KMOX Radio, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Ladue News, and Nine PBS. Kranzberg Arts Foundation is the broadcast sponsor.

For more information about Women of Achievement, honorees' bios, or information about the broadcast, please visit 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.

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