

ANNOUNCING THE 2021 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION HONOREES

Attend the luncheon on Friday, Oct. 1 ♦ 11:15 a.m. ♦ \$60 per person ♦ Register online or call 314-539-4470.

Emcee Lisa Nichols (Technology Partners) and panelists Khalia Collier (St. Louis Surge and St Louis City Soccer), Kathy Mazzarella (Graybar) and Bhavani Amirthalingam (Ameren) will discuss how to be the change you wish to see in the world.



LISA BARON, J.D.

Lisa Baron is Founder and Executive Director of Memory Care Home Solutions (MCHS), a non-profit organization with a mission of extending and improving quality time at home for people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their family caregivers. Baron transformed her own family's struggle with Alzheimer's disease into 17 years of compassionate dedication to serving this population in our region.

She has served on the Missouri State Alzheimer's Task Force, as a representative on Carnahan's Council on Aging, and was recognized as a national finalist for the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader Award.



DR. FRANCES LEVINE

Dr. Frances Levine became the President and CEO of the Missouri Historical Society in the spring of 2014. She is the author, co-editor and/or contributor to several award-winning books including *Frontier Battles and Massacres:*

Historical and Archaeological Perspectives and *Doña Teresa Confronts the Spanish Inquisition: A Seventeenth-Century New Mexican Drama*. She is married to historian and historic preservation consultant Thomas Merlan of Santa Fe. They have two children – Stephen and Anna.



DR. LEILANI CARVER-MADALON

Dr. Leilani Carver-Madalon is a Leadership Expert, Keynote Speaker and Professor who seeks to empower women. Leilani is Director of Communication and Director of Graduate Strategic Communication and Leadership at Maryville University. Her writing and expertise have been featured in *Forbes*, *Huffington Post*, *The Hill*, *PR News*, and other prestigious outlets.

Additionally, she delivered a TEDx Women's Talk on tactics to increase power. Dr. Carver-Madalon volunteers with nonprofits that champion women and girls from St. Louis to Pakistan. She interviews successful women and is on sabbatical this spring to write a book on women's leadership strategies and tactics.



VANESSA OKWURAIWE

Edward Jones Principal Vanessa Okwuraiwe leads from the global mindset of having lived in Nigeria, the U.K. and the U.S. In her 20 years leading talent acquisition, training, development and marketing functions, she has used her platform as a business

leader who is also a woman and person of color to advocate for the importance of diverse perspectives and support an environment where everyone has a voice. A firm believer in education as a force for individual and economic development, she is board president of the St. Louis Community College Foundation and spokesperson for the firm's national Financial Resilience campaign.



PAM PRICE

Pam is the Therapeutic Foster Parent for six homeless boys and girls from the ages of six to 18 at the Jennings Hope House. She has been a foster parent for 25 years and has adopted five children. Her vision is to heal their broken heart from being separated from their families, help them become successful at what they choose and be good people. She also sits on the boards for Systems of Cars, Missouri Behavior Health and Fostering Court Improvement.



HON. ROBIN RANSOM

Honorable Robin Ransom was the first African American female judge elected to the 22nd judicial circuit (City of St. Louis), and unanimously elected presiding judge of that circuit in 2018.

She is the first African American female to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Judge Ransom has participated in career days and been a guest speaker for local schools to help the students understand the court system and juvenile system.



LINDSEY HERZOG SHIPLEY, RISING STAR

Lindsey Herzog Shipley is the award-winning vice president of Weber Shandwick in St. Louis with 10-plus years of experience managing consumer-focused communications efforts for a variety of clients.

She has also handled corporate communications, issues management and executive visibility efforts for several clients, helping to secure speaking opportunities on key stages at Cannes and garnering coverage with top-tier media, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Fortune* and more.

Herzog-Shipley was named to *Business Insider's* "Rising Stars in Public Relations" list in 2020 and was recognized as one of PRWeek's Hall of Femme's "Women to Watch" in 2019. ♦