

SWJC TEXAS SIZED EVENT ♦ 2024 HONOREES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



SANDRA ESTESS

- Founding Director/Advisor for the Ronald McDonald House, Dallas
- Champion for Children’s Health fundraising campaigns
- Supports educational opportunities for DISD magnet students



ROSE MARIE STROMBERG

- Writer and editor for businesses and nonprofits
- Promoter of interfaith programs that engage newcomers
- Ambassador for public education and kindness projects

AUDREY KAPLAN INSPIRING WOMEN OF THE SOUTHWEST



FLORENCIA VELASCO FORTNER

- President and CEO of The Concilio
- Champion of inclusive & supportive environments for all families
- Advocate for educational excellence and socioeconomic empowerment



CRISTAL RETANA LULA

- Senior Director of Community Relations, for Children’s Health
- Advocate for public policies that effect the quality of life for children and families
- First person of color to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for Farmers Branch



MYLINH LUONG

- Founding member/chair of Orchid Giving Circle Fund, CFTexas
- Serves on boards for Girl Scouts, Literacy Achieves and Best Buddies
- Provides executive leadership to expand/grow organizational impact



BARBARA STEELE

- Peace maker and consensus builder for civic projects
- Established the CAW Clark Legal Clinic for underserved sectors
- Volunteer for American Cancer Society and Dallas Children’s Theater

FUTURE INSPIRING WOMEN



ZOYA HUSSAIN

- Senior at Great Hearts High School, Irving
- Created a patent-pending device to solve the global identification crisis
- Volunteer web designer for nonprofits



PRINCESS IGWE-ICHO

- Quadruple major, senior at SMU on Pre-Law track
- Interested in immigration, disability rights and women’s issues
- Public service research in ethics and voluntarism

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MARZUQ ABDUL JAAMI

- Imam with international bridge building missions
- Spokesperson for peaceful interfaith relations
- Champion for kindness programs, public education



BAZIEL PETER JEROME JOHNSON

- Founder of voting rights advocacy organizations
- Member of the original civil rights staff of Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Veteran of multiple marches and violent attacks

STAN GOLDEN MEN OF ACTION



DAVE CHAOS

- Celebrity radio and media professional
- Promotes diversity causes and personalities
- General Manager for KNON Radio, started as a volunteer DJ in 1987



MIKE FRIEDMAN

- Senior VP of CBRE, in Dallas real estate for over 50 years.
- Served on many non-profit boards and organizations for over 35 years.
- 25 years as "Smiley the Clown" for critically ill pediatric patients at two major hospitals



KAMBIZ RAFRAF

- Engineer and sociologist
- Member of the Baha'i Faith, served on the interfaith council for over 15 years
- Hosts weekly Meaningful Conversations to raise consciousness about the oneness of humanity, racial unity, gender equality



SOL VILLASANA

- Author, lawyer for civil litigation and government relations
- Founder and mentor for area LULAC chapters
- University instructor; advocate for public education

FUTURE MEN OF ACTION



OLIVER BURKE

- Honor student and 3-sport athlete at Greenhill School
- Eagle Scout, having earned all 139 Merit Badges
- Led volunteers to preserve Blackland Prairie ecosystem



KEVIN BUTERA

- Student leader at Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas
- Martial arts instructor for people with special needs
- Ambassador for encouraging multi-faith and diverse interactions