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#SheCan Summit Catalyst Awards

St. Louis Entrepreneurs Honor Six Local Change Agents

ST. LOUIS (July 15, 2019) — The first annual #SheCan Summit will bridge the gap between spiritual and professional growth for entrepreneur women by gathering 300 women and girls October 19 in St. Louis for a full day of development sessions and networking with women from the entire Midwest.

In connection with the Summit, #SheCan is awarding six local women. “We want to honor women who have created a spark that ignites positive change,” according to Kristy Jackson, serial entrepreneur and cofounder of the Social Synergy Project sponsoring the October 18, 2019, Catalyst Awards Dinner at Manchester UMC.

The featured honorees are

- Maida Coleman, Missouri Commissioner.
- Cathy “Mama Cat” Daniels, founder of PotBangerz.
- Kathy Lambert, co-founder/CEO Connections to Success.
- Lisa Nichols, CEO Technology Partners.
- Sharon Randle Gardner, partner and director, Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home.
- Jannelly Villegas, educator and activist.

From private industry and nonprofits to government service, these women have made a significant contribution in the St. Louis region to help people from all walks of life. “Each of these women have taken their faith into the public sphere to serve others,” says Jackson.

The “creative black tie” event will raise funds to support empowerment and training programs for women and girls, also serving as the kickoff event to the #SheCan Summit on October 19, 2019. “We are thrilled to celebrate these phenomenal women at this special dinner. Think Met Gala meets #SheCan!” says Jackson. The night includes dinner and live entertainment from Juiix and Robert Nelson and The Renaissance Band.

Monique Norfolk, CEO and founder of Mosaic Beginnings, says “Through the #SheCan Summit Catalyst Awards, we want to honor work that builds a better community and impacts the areas of entrepreneurship, leadership, civic service, and ministry/community service in a profound way.”

In addition to the featured honorees, nominations are open for the Catalyst Community Award for women or the Rising Star award for girls who are creating positive change and demonstrate exemplary character in community service and leadership in business in the STL Metro Area. “We know there are more people in our community who are working to support neighborhoods and communities across the region,” says Norfolk. “We want to honor those women with the Catalyst Community Award.”

To nominate someone, visit www.shecansummit.com/catalyst-awards.html

The Catalyst Awards Dinner and the #SheCan Summit, hosted by the Midwest nonprofit the Social Synergy Project, is an extension of the organization’s mission to deliver entrepreneur support through business resources and live events.

“Most conferences address either spiritual growth or professional development, but the two are not mutually exclusive,” says Jackson.

The #SheCan Summit is built upon leadership development and business growth in the context of four pillars: faith, empowerment, activation and accountability. #SheCan ambassador Michele Y. Wright, founder of United Community Services, says, “Our July Service Day is foundational to all four pillars. Without service, we cannot grow.”

The October #SheCan Summit at Manchester UMC will feature Reshaunda Thornton, TEDX speaker and author, as the lunch & learn keynote speaker, as well as multiple breakout options within the four pillars. Breakout speakers will be announced in the coming weeks. The #SheCan Summit will employ a unique, intergenerational approach. Girls ages 11-18 will have the opportunity to attend Girls Lead and Make Moves, or GLAMM, youth sessions created in partnership with #SheCan. In addition to the live event, #SheCan will offer an online platform, making the summit available to women and girls anywhere in the world.

For more information about #SheCan Catalyst Awards and the October #SheCan Summit is available at www.shecansummit.com.

About #SheCan Summit

The first annual #SheCan Summit will take place October 19, 2019, in St. Louis. The live event location will be at Manchester UMC. The Summit weekend kicks off with #SheCan Catalysts Awards Dinner October 18 honoring Kathy Lambert, CEO of Connections to Success, and other women and youth in leadership, business or ministry. Registration is open now.

About Social Synergy Project

Social Synergy is a sustainable network of leaders and entrepreneurs that provides education, business services and connection events to build startups.

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