

Webster University
Alumni Award Recipients
2011

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Webster University Alumni Association annually recognizes an alumna or alumnus who has made specific, meritorious contributions to society through his or her profession and involvement in civic, cultural or charitable activities. This award recognizes high achievement that reflects credit upon the individual and Webster University. This is the highest alumni award given.

Nelda K. Lee MA '99
The Boeing Company
Aerospace Test Engineer

Nelda Lee has been with The Boeing Company (formerly McDonnell Douglas) for over 35 years and is responsible for flight and ground test engineering for the four military aircraft that are manufactured in St. Louis for Boeing. These aircraft are the F-15 Eagle, AV-8 Harrier, T-45 Goshawk, and F/A-18 Hornet. She is the Level 2 Manager for Test & Evaluation personnel who are located at St. Louis and at the military test sites at China Lake, CA, Patuxent River, MD and Eglin AFB, FL. She has a BS degree in Aerospace Engineering and was the second woman to receive this degree at Auburn University. Nelda also has a MA degree in Management and Human Resources Development from Webster University. A highlight of her career with McDonnell Douglas was when she logged 1.5 hours of flight time in the F-15 Eagle in 1980.

In addition to her career with The Boeing Company, Nelda also enjoys aviation as a pastime and hobby. She is a licensed commercial pilot with instrument, multi-engine, and helicopter ratings. She has flown in several Transcontinental Air Races. She is a member of The Ninety-Nines, International Women Pilots, and previously served as Governor for the 9-state North Central Section. Currently she is serving on the board of trustees for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. She is also a member of The Whirly-Girls, International Women Helicopter Pilots. She previously served as International President and was recipient of the 10th Annual Doris Mullen Whirly-Girls scholarship in 1977. Nelda is charter member of Women in Aviation International and currently serves on the Board of Directors. She was inducted into the International Women in Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame in 2004. She is a member of the Society of Flight Test Engineers. Lee was featured recently in an exhibit for Women In Aviation at the St. Louis Science Center for the Centennial Celebration of First Flight. Several articles and books have featured Nelda and most recently a book by Henry M. Holden titled American Women of Flight: Pilots and Pioneers.

She was selected to receive the 2010 Katherine and Marjorie Stinson Award for “her career and personal achievements exemplifying outstanding and enduring contributions in the field of aviation, aeronautics, space and related sciences. As a role model and pioneer female aerospace test engineer, she has inspired women and men to seek careers in aviation.”

The Stinson Award recognizes a living woman for an outstanding and enduring contribution, a meritorious flight, or a singular technical development in the field of aviation, aeronautics, space or related sciences. It is one of the most important awards in aviation in America.

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OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ALUMNI AWARDS

The Alumni Association joins with Webster's five Schools and Colleges, highlighting the diverse disciplines of the University, to present an Outstanding Alumni Award to an alumna or alumnus from each School or College who has achieved outstanding success and recognition in their profession and/or voluntary service.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Markus Trice BA '75

Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Compass Equity Advisors

Markus Trice is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Compass Equity Advisors, an international private equity fund of funds. Markus serves on Compass' management and investment committees. In addition, he is a Managing Director of Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc, the investment banking arm of Sydney, Australia-based Macquarie Group. He is a member of Macquarie's Global Private Capital Markets Executive Committee. Prior to joining Macquarie, he was Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Presidio Partners, a boutique private equity firm (acquired by Macquarie Capital in 2010).

Prior to forming Presidio, he was a Managing Director at Bank of America Securities LLC. Prior to joining Bank of America Securities, as Executive Vice President, Trice led an institutional investment advisory platform – GE Capital Investment Advisors. Prior to GE Capital, he was a Principal at LaSalle Advisors.

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

Lt. Gen. Michael C. Gould MA '86

Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy

Lt. Gen. Gould is superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy. He earned his commission and a bachelor's degree in behavioral science from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1976. He has commanded an operations group, an air refueling wing, an air mobility wing and the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center. He has also commanded the 3rd Air Force, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, and the 2nd Air Force, Keesler AFB, Miss. His operational and staff assignments include three tours at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, along with duty as an Air Force aide to the President and military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force. He served as the Director of Mobility Forces for Operation Joint Endeavor and as USEUCOM's Air Expeditionary Task Force commander for the deployment of African Union troops into the Darfur region of Sudan. Prior to assuming his current position, he was Director of Operations and Plans, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. General Gould is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in a variety of aircraft.

Kathleen Mazzarella MBA '02**Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Graybar**

Kathleen Mazzarella is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Graybar and is a member of Graybar's board of directors and chairs Graybar's Contributions Committee. She also served on the board of Graybar Canada from 2004 to 2009. Kathy has been recognized with two of Graybar's most prestigious awards. She is a lifetime member of the Sigma chapter of Gamma Beta Epsilon, Graybar's honor society for top-performing sales representatives. She also earned the company's Elisha Gray Excellence in Communications award in 1993. Kathy's business achievements and community involvement helped her earn the St. Louis "40 Under 40" award in 2000. In August 2004, Kathy was honored as one of the Most Influential Businesswomen in St. Louis by the *St. Louis Business Journal*. Kathy's views on human resources strategy were included as a chapter in *Inside the Minds*, a book featuring interviews with top HR practitioners across the United States. She was also featured as one of the "Women Worth Watching in 2010" in the September/October 2009 issue of *Profiles in Diversity Journal*. Kathy has been the driving force behind the establishment of a women's networking group at Graybar and in promoting careers for women in the wholesale distribution industry.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS**Steven Meyer '99****Character Animator, Dreamworks Animation**

Steve Meyer is a character animator at Dreamworks Animation where he recently provided the animation for the movie *How to Train a Dragon* - nominated for Best Original Score and for Full Feature Animation in 2010. Steve has also worked for Disney Animation Studios as character animator on the blockbuster movie *Bolt* in 2009. The movie was nominated for Golden Globes Best Picture. Meyer was Assistant Animator on *Meet the Robinsons* and CG Character Animator on *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*. He is a 2009 Webster University Notable Alum.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**Mary Morrison Stitt MAT '67****Elementary Education**

Mary Stitt served as principal of an elementary school from 1967-92 that today bears her name - "The Olive-Mary Stitt School." During her tenure she pioneered programs that paired children of three age groups, forcing teachers to focus on students individually—and empowering older students to teach. The model proved so effective that the University of Illinois sent more than 200 student teachers during Stitt's era. She likened the environment to a medical school—accomplished professionals mentoring interns. Four of those student teachers have since been named distinguished alumni at the University of Illinois. Herself possessing an advanced specialist degree from the University of Illinois, Stitt has also been named a distinguished alumna. Stitt achieved national recognition after illuminating her school's program in a national education journal

LEIGH GERDINE COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Tymberly Canale BA '92

Dancer, actor, choreographer and teacher Tymberly Canale has collaborated and performed with Bessie and Obie Award winning New York City based Big Dance Theater since 1995. With this dynamic experimental dance theater company, she has performed around the world, recently premiering in Paris at Theatre National de Chaillot as the title role in Big Dance's version of Euripedes "Alkestis", which will be presented at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, The Walker Center in Minneapolis, The Getty Museum in Los Angeles and will have its New York premiere in November at The Brooklyn Academy of Music. She received a 2010 New York Dance and Performance Award for her role in "Comme Toujours, Here I Stand", a work that premiered in Lyon, France and was performed through France as well as Austin, Chicago and at Yale University as well as receiving an extended New York run at The Kitchen. Canale received a fellowship to attend Hollins University/American Dance Festival program where she received her MFA in Dance in 2009 and was honored with an invitation to present her paper "Dance Composition Studies: Past and Present at The American Dance Festival." She has performed in the work of Robert LaFosse, Richard Move, and recently in the acclaimed revival of John Kelly's "Pass the Blutwurst, Bitte" at LaMama, E.T.C. Her choreographic credits include the Brecht Play "A Respectable Wedding" at New York University (under the direction of Karin Coonrod), Tristan Tzara's "The Gas Heart" (for Big Dance Theater), assistant choreography for "Girl Gone" by Mac Wellman at Marymount University, as well as concert choreography performed in New York City at The Tank, Catch, AUNTS, and in Boston at MIT and in Los Angeles at Highways, Inc.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

The Young Alumni Award is presented annually to an alum who promotes the values and elevates the profile of Webster University through leadership in his/her profession, contributions to society through public service, and ongoing support of the University. This person must be an alumnus or alumna of Webster University who received his/her degree within the last 10 years of being nominated and is 35 years of age or younger.

Kathleen Sullivan BFA '02

Actor and Paralympic Runner for Team USA

After graduating, Sullivan moved to Chicago for two years and landed a job as a reader for the prestigious Goodman Theatre. Sullivan was cast in an Oscar Wilde play. Her role in the Goodman production led to additional opportunities with Steppenwolf and Northern Lights. While in Chicago, she also directed a play and worked as an intern with for a casting agent. She appeared in "My Name is Earl", and the Farley Brothers' series "I'm with Stupid". She was recently cast for the lead role in the Goodman Theatre's "The Long Red Road" which calls for a female amputee from the South. Sullivan, who is from Alabama, is a bilateral amputee. The part is one of the lead roles in the play and gave her the opportunity to connect with Phillip Seymour Hoffman and the playwright Brett C. Leonard.

Sullivan has also worked in independent films. Her fiancé, Jay Cramer, is a comedian and a quadriplegic. Their proposed reality show, which follows them as they work in the entertainment business, has been picked up by Ashton Kutcher's production company.

"In 2006, she began running track. In 2007, she qualified to be a member of the United States Paralympic National Team in Track and Field. In the 2007 Paralympic National Championships, she broke the world record for the 200m. She is the only "bilateral above knee" woman competing at this time, meaning she races (and beats) women with one sound leg and one leg amputated above the knee. She also competed in the Paralympics in Beijing.

In addition to her acting career and running, Sullivan travels to deliver motivational speeches about living with disabilities.

LORETTO AWARD

The Loretto Award is presented to an alumna or alumnus who has given significantly of herself or himself in service to humanity and social justice. The Award recognizes and continues the tradition of community service and social justice values of the Sisters of Loretto who founded Webster College in 1915.

Amy Lorenz-Moser BA '97

Partner, Armstrong Teasdale LLP

Lorenz-Moser was named Lawyer of the Year by *Missouri Lawyer's Weekly* for 2010, for her over decade-long pro bono battle on behalf of abused women including the release of two clients who spent more than 30 years behind bars.

Lawyer of the Year, the publication's highest award, usually focuses on a lawyer's achievements during a 12 month period. However, this year, the award honors Lorenz-Moser's pro bono work that began when she was a law school student. Her efforts garnered national attention in 2010 when she won freedom for two women who had been convicted of killing their husbands at a time when Missouri barred evidence of domestic abuse in murder trials.

When Lorenz-Moser entered the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, she began her pro bono work at the school's Family Violence Clinic and for the separate Missouri Coalition for Battered Women Clemency Project. She continued her volunteerism when she went into private practice and her cases include the representation of Carlene Borden and Vicky Williams, who were released from prison in October.

At the same time that Lorenz-Moser fought for their freedom, she balanced the demands of a thriving products liability practice and hectic trial schedule along with the challenges of raising two small children. She paid litigation expenses out of her own pocket and spent hundreds of hours – many at night and on the weekend – in pursuit of justice.

Lorenz-Moser received her J.D., *Order of the Coif*, from University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law in 2000 and B.A. from Webster University in 1997.

MARY ELIZABETH NEWELL LOYALTY AWARD

The Mary Elizabeth Newell Loyalty Award is presented annually to an alumna or alumnus who has demonstrated a high degree of loyalty, commitment and concern for Webster University over a span of many years.

Dr. Karen M. Luebbert BA '64

Vice President and Executive Assistant to the President (retired)

Karen has been an impressive presence at Webster, starting out as a student before leaving for a few years to pursue her doctorate at St. Louis University and returning to Webster in 1967. She graduated in 1964 and became the director of Webster's library in 1967. She worked with Eden Seminary to create a partnership with Webster, joining both sets of books to create, Luhr Library. Before this, Webster's library occupied one floor in Webster Hall.

Her responsibilities included the Office of Public Affairs, Institutional Research, Special Events, Affirmative Action and Legal Affairs. She also served as the University's liaison with the allied arts agencies located on the Webster Groves campus. Luebbert joined Webster University in 1967 as Director of the Library. She has served in a variety of administrative positions at the University, including Director of the Library for 25 years, Vice President of University Services and Vice President for Finance (Interim). She received her undergraduate degree from Webster University, the master of science in library science from Case Western Reserve University and her doctorate from St. Louis University. She has completed postdoctoral studies at Harvard University's Institute for Education Management. Luebbert is the immediate past chair of Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club and continues to serve on the board. She also serves on the boards of the Diversity Awareness Partnership, the Higher Education Center of St. Louis and the Jefferson National Parks Association.

Karen volunteered for Alumni Phonathon in 1980, 1981, and 1990-1995, and has served as Homecoming Reunion Class Chair. She provided an annual Daniel Webster Society scholarship in 2008 and 2009 and has been a member of Daniel Webster Society since 1989.