

2023 Retirees of the Year Award, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Faculty Award

Beverly Sporleder

Since retirement from the School of Social Work in 2012 our faculty honoree, Beverly Sporleder, has volunteered for youth programs in a wide variety of settings. Here are quotations from supporting letters: "No words can really describe Ms. Sporleder. She's a



well-rounded woman with a heart of gold. She goes beyond the call of duty to help people, especially youth with untapped potential. She has faithfully served on the Board of Directors for Real Talk, Inc., Youth Empowerment Program for approximately 10 years. Her wisdom, resources, and leadership made a huge impact in the lives of thousands of young people in the St. Louis area, in particular, the University City School District. In summary, she is a pillar of the community". And another: "She gives her all to others. When you consider the numbers of children Bev has cared for, the people she has inspired, the communities

she has influenced, I believe her legacy deserves every honor out there!"

Staff Award

Yolanda Weathersby Marshall

Since retirement from the Division of Student Affairs in 2019, our staff honoree, Yolanda



Weathersby Marshall, has contributed to the greater St. Louis community in a wide variety of activities. One of her projects is that she volunteers as a teacher assistant with a diverse student population, including those with special needs, as a teacher assistant for Parkway Early Childhood Center. In addition to professional activities, Yolanda is dedicated to the civic welfare of her community. She and her husband, Glen Marshall, have most recently established a nonprofit educational program for K-12 youth, providing mentorship to youth by combining education and sports to promote a better community. Additionally, she continues to remain connected to

higher education as she directs her time and energy to mentor college students as they pursue doctoral degrees.