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WOMEN ARE SUPERHEROES

49TH ANNUAL SMU WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM / MARCH 5, 2014

The Women's Center at Southern Methodist University is pleased to announce that our 49th Annual Women's Symposium will be held on **March 5, 2014** in the Hughes Trigg Student Center. This year our theme is Women are Superheroes**.** We will be discussing superheroes in comics, as role models, as veterans, pioneers, and in many other ways.

At our Symposium we will be honoring five women with our *Profiles in Leadership Award*, which honors women who exemplify leadership through a lifetime of accomplishments. The women to be honored in March include:

- **De' Edra S. Williams –** Engagement Director of Paranet Solutions
- **Ethene Jones** - Founder of the Humanitarian World Foundation
- **Monica Urbaniak** - Director of Prevention and Outreach and Bilingual Therapist at the Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center
- **Mavis Knight** - Education advocate and member of the Texas State Board of Education
- **Cecilia Boone** - Chair of the Board for Planned Parenthood and Philanthropist

In addition to our *Profiles in Leadership Award*, we will also be honoring one outstanding woman with our *Gail Reese Ward Excellence in Mentoring Award*. This award recognizes an award recipient for especially significant contributions as a mentor to girls and women.

Linda Hall - Board of Directors Wisdom's Hope and advocate for the homeless

The Symposium is the longest continuously running program of its nature in the country and one of SMU's oldest and most distinguished traditions. For more information about the Women's Symposium, **including how to register**, please take note of our website at http://www.smu.edu/womsym or contact Karen L. Click at 214-768-4796, kclick@smu.edu