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We invite you to join us at the MU Extension in St. Louis County Annual Dinner and Fundraiser on Friday, March 30!

We invite you to our 2018 Annual Dinner and Fundraiser. Dr. Sam Page, St. Louis County Council Chairman, will be the keynote speaker.

Dr. Page is committed to strengthening the St. Louis area, educating the community, and keeping everyone safe. His work on the Council has helped him identify strengths, opportunities and areas for improvement in the St. Louis area. The health and well-being of residents in the Saint Louis area remains a top priority for his mission on the St. Louis County Council. Dr. Mun Choi, President of the University of Missouri System, will also provide a few remarks on the state of the university, as well as his vision for moving forward during these exciting but challenging times.

During the dinner, we will recognize three partners added to the Extension Leaders Honor Roll. This year's honorees are Christina Elkins of Holman Middle School (Pattonville School District), Erica Henderson of the St. Louis Promise Zone (St. Louis Economic Development Partnership), and Douglas Mueller of IBEW 1439.

Christina Elkins, a teacher for Holman Middle School, has been an avid supporter of the 4-H group in their school, "Powerful Girls Rock," since our staff and 4-H students developed it two years ago. Through this program, girls learn how to express themselves in a healthy way, try new activities, participate in STEM lessons, and learn valuable communication skills that will help them develop into strong women. "The girls' self-confidence has increased, along with the sense of community and the drive to help one another. I so appreciate being a part of this amazing program," Elkins said.

Erica Henderson, the Promise Zone Director for the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, has been instrumental in the development of the Neighborhood Leadership Fellows program that started in 2017. Because of her leadership, the partnership invested in training for the Neighborhood Leaders, donated in-kind space for classes, and provided invaluable leadership and support for curriculum development. The mission of NLF is to increase the voices of North St. Louis

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City and North County residents at the civic decision-making tables in order to produce more equitable regional policies for neighborhoods.

Douglas Mueller, Business Manager of IBEW Local 1439, has supported the Labor Education Program for many years. Once a month for well over a decade, IBEW local 1439 has hosted the location for our Labor Law Breakfast program. People from various different unions, organizations, and fields gather to hear discussions from various attorneys and presenters about the latest developments in the workforce, updates on labor laws, and so much more. The Labor Law Breakfast Series features a one-hour presentation on topics of interest to professionals engaged in labor and employment relations

In addition, you will be able to meet the members of our Extension Council, have the opportunity to interact with the specialists and educators that work in St. Louis, and hear what programs have been successful this year.

Annual Dinner and Fundraiser details:

- When: Friday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m.
- Where: Orlando's, 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63043
- Keynote: Dr. Sam Page, St. Louis County Council Chair
- Fee: \$35 per person (buffet dinner)/\$275 for a table of eight
- Register: Call 314-400-2115 or go to [the registration page](#).