Central Exchange to Recognize Technical Excellence in Kansas City at 2nd Annual Stemmy Awards Gala

Central Exchange is proud to recognize some of the best and brightest women and companies in Kansas City that are helping to promote and advance women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine (STEMM).

The annual Stemmy Awards gala is set for September 24, 2015 at the Arvest Bank Theatre at The Midland, to recognize the following individuals and corporations:

**Groundbreaker:** Linda Netzel, Director, Regional Criminalistics Division Department, Kansas City Police Department

**Enterprising Innovator:** Debra Ellies, CEO, Osteogenex

**WiSTEMM Educator:** Deborah O’Bannon, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Missouri – Kansas City

**Student Achiever:** Muriel Eaton, Student, Kansas State University

**Rising Trendsetters:** Gretchen Ivy, Director of Integrated Planning Solutions, HNTB
Sunita Lavin, Project Manager, Garmin
Marion Pierson, Pediatrician
Tiffany Wheeler, Civil Engineer III, KCP&L

**Corporate Hero:** Honeywell

This year’s honorary co-chairs are Jackie DeSouza, president & CEO at Research Medical Center, and Robin Stubenhofer, vice president of engineering at Honeywell. Both co-chairs not only advance and promote women professionals within their respective organizations, but they are also active in regional efforts, such as the Central Exchange WiSTEMM Initiative, to grow female STEMM professionals.

“The Stemmy Awards honor women paving the way in the important and critical fields of STEMM,” says CiCi Rojas, president & CEO of Central Exchange. “It is our duty to recognize their accomplishments and contributions to the vibrant STEMM community in Kansas City and beyond.”

Everyone is welcome to attend the Stemmy Awards Gala celebration by registering at cxstemmys.com.

**About Central Exchange**

Central Exchange is a professional development organization with more than 1,000 female and male local members who are entrepreneurs, professionals, executives and managers. CX has more than 500 personal and professional development and networking opportunities a year. Their signature event - the annual Leadership Lyceum, is the largest leadership development conference — for both women and men — in the area.

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