

Awards Banquet Programme
Thursday, July 19, 2018
Hyatt Riverfront Hotel, Savannah Georgia
7:30PM - 9:30PM

Master of Ceremonies

Terry Tolbert, President, GCAA

Presentation of Awards

The Earl M Jones Award

This annual award is given by the Georgia Community Action Association in recognition of outstanding leadership and service in the areas of human rights and equal opportunity. The award is presented in the honor of the late Mr. Earl M. Jones, who was employed as the Equal Opportunity Officer for the Savannah-Chatham EOA, Inc. in Savannah, Georgia. He was a respected champion of human rights at the State and Regional levels. Only CAA affiliated persons are eligible to receive this award. The first Earl M. Jones Award was presented in July 1984 to Mr. Wilbur P. Jones.

The Wilbur P Jones Award

This annual award is given by the Georgia Community Action Association to a non-CAA employee who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life for low-income, elderly, handicapped, or minorities. The award is presented in the honor of the late Mr. Wilbur P. Jones who served as Executive Director of ACTION, Inc. in Athens, Georgia for over fifteen years. A scholastic scholarship has been established at the University of Georgia in recognition of Mr. Jones' humanitarian efforts on behalf of the poor and oppressed.

The Scholarship Award

This award is granted annually to a student attending an institute of higher learning (college/university/vocational technical schools) or have been accepted by one of the same. The student competed in the GCAA Essay Contest, “What Has the Community Action Movement Meant to My Community?”

GCAA Award Committee

Invocation

Dinner Served

Introduction of Speaker

Lorraine Daniels, Executive Director, GCAA

Keynote Speaker

Devyn Bauer, March for Our Lives; Savannah College of Art and Design, Photography & Journalism

Presentation of Special Awards and Recognitions

GCAA President's Service & Appreciation Awards - Terry Tolbert, President, GCAA

This acknowledgement is given by the President of GCAA to individuals who have consistently represented the Georgia Community Action Association by promoting statewide initiatives, strengthening GCAA partnerships and demonstrating a willingness to further the vision and mission of GCAA.

Mattie Jackson Advocacy Award - Lorraine Daniels, Executive Director, GCAA

This award is given by GCAA to recognize the work of community advocates who demonstrate courage, effective leadership and service that promotes social justice and equity. This award is named after one of community actions most beloved citizens, Mattie King Ansley-Jackson. Ms. Mattie advocated for her community of Summerhill and Peoplestown in Atlanta, GA for over 50 years. As the War on Poverty was declared, she and several community leaders went to Washington, DC to demand Atlanta's fair share in poverty action funds. There she met Mr. Sargent Shriver, the author of the War on Poverty Movement, which spurred the development of The Economic Opportunity Atlanta (EOA) poverty program and the Summerhill Council of Community Action Advisors.

2017 - 2018 Newly Certified ROMA Implementers and ROMA Trainers
2018 Certified Community Action Professionals

Silent Auction Winners

Silent Auction Committee

Drawing for Door Prizes

Adjournment