



33rd Annual PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH MEETING AND AWARDS LUNCHEON



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33rd Annual Public Service and Outreach Awards Luncheon

Monday, April 1, 2024
University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel
Magnolia Ballroom

11:30 a.m. **Registration**

Noon - 1:30 p.m. **Welcome**

Jennifer L. Frum

Vice President for Public Service and Outreach

Jere W. Morehead

President

Lunch

S. Jack Hu

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Program

• Connected Resilient Community Awards

• Engaged Scholar Award

• Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished
Achievement in Public Service and Outreach

• Walter Barnard Hill Fellow Award for Distinguished
Achievement in Public Service and Outreach

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

What does it mean to be Georgia Grown?

A division of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Grown helps new agribusinesses grow and established agribusinesses thrive by bringing producers, processors, suppliers, distributors, retailers, agritourism and consumers together in one powerful, statewide community.

From companies that support hundreds of local families to small mom-and-pop farms, Georgia Grown helps foster the ever-growing community of agricultural producers, manufacturers and retailers.



Menu

Salad Course

Georgia Bibb Bundle

Local bibb lettuce, goat cheese, pickled red onion, white balsamic vinaigrette

Stone Creek Hydroponics – Hartwell, Ga.

Doux South – Atlanta, Ga.

Crazy Goat Lady – Canton, Ga.

Entrée Course

Grilled Filet of Beef au Jus

Roasted purple sweet potatoes, charred Brussels sprouts, roasted shiitake mushrooms, natural demi-glaze

Evans Hooks Cattle Co. – Swainsboro, Ga.

Southern Valley Farms – Lake Park, Ga.

Qihe Mushroom Farm – Newnan, Ga.

Chateau Elan Winery – Braselton, Ga.

Ally Bees Honey – Winder, Ga.

Vonnie's Greens – Decatur, Ga.

Vegetarian Entrée Course

Tempura fried cauliflower, basmati rice, charred Brussels sprouts, red pepper relish, coconut curry sauce

Vonnie's Greens – Decatur, Ga.

Doux South – Atlanta, Ga.

Dessert Course

Strawberry Ice Cream Pie

Strawberry ripple ice cream, coconut almond crust, strawberry sauce

Rock House Creamery – Newborn, Ga.



2024 Awards for Excellence in Public Service and Outreach

Award Recipients

**Walter Barnard Hill Fellow Award for Distinguished
Achievement in Public Service and Outreach**

Daniel “Danny” Bivins

**Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement
in Public Service and Outreach**

Raymond Phillip Edwards

Anne Lindsay

Carolina Ramon

Uttam Kumar Saha

Engaged Scholar Award

Diane W. Bales

Walter Barnard Hill Fellow Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach

About the Award

Comparable to a distinguished professorship, the Walter Barnard Hill Fellow Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach (Hill Fellow Award) is UGA's highest award in public service and outreach, and is comparable to a distinguished professorship. It recognizes sustained, distinguished, and superb achievements in university public service and outreach, and contributions to improving the quality of life in Georgia or elsewhere. The selection committee considers long-term achievements, special projects having extraordinary impact, and collaborative efforts. The creativity, impact, and superb nature of a Hill Fellow's achievements are of a magnitude that greatly exceeds the normal accomplishments of a productive faculty member.

The award is named in honor of Chancellor Walter Barnard Hill, who led UGA from 1899 until his death in 1905. Hill first articulated the university's modern public service and outreach mission. He admired the close relationship that existed between the University of Wisconsin and the state of Wisconsin and led a pilgrimage of nearly 100 Georgians to see the "Wisconsin Idea" in action. As a result of this journey and the power of Hill's vision, Georgia's leadership endorsed Hill's plan for a modern, public service-oriented university and backed that endorsement with increased support for the institution.



Daniel "Danny" Bivins
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Danny Bivins is a senior public service associate with the UGA Institute of Government who focuses on partnerships that increase the economic development potential of communities and the state while providing valuable experiential learning opportunities to students.

Since 2013, Bivins has directed the Georgia Downtown Renaissance Partnership, a statewide downtown revitalization program that addresses design and economic development, drawing on the expertise of public and private organizations and foundations to bring their collective expertise to bear on community needs.

The premier component of the program is the Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning (RSVP) Process, through which the institute works with a community to develop its vision for the future and steps for implementation. Since 2013, the institute has worked with communities to develop 25 RSVPs, with implemented plans resulting in more than \$220 million of construction, revitalization and other improvements.

Bivins was a key partner in developing the Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative, which focuses on a community's desirability as a place to live to attract multigenerational talent. Communities receive education, facilitation, technical assistance, peer learning and incentives to identify their assets and develop a locally based placemaking strategy. Fifteen Georgia cities and counties have been selected so far.

Bivins has created a unique community and economic development approach that uses visual communication to inspire downtown development, engage local and state leadership, and stimulate private and philanthropic investment. Bivins' programs include experiential learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. In collaboration with three College of Environment and Design (CED) faculty members, he has co-led eight studio courses with 111 students in six Georgia communities.

Their work has not been limited to Georgia. Due solely to Bivins' engagement, the private Lyndhurst Foundation has provided \$600,000 over eight rounds of funding to the institute to support revitalization projects in rural North Georgia and communities surrounding Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"The successes of the partnership and other downtown initiatives are due in no small part to Mr. Bivins' involvement," said Larry Hanson, CEO and executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association. "He thinks collaboratively, brings all the right parties to the table to accomplish great results; and his enthusiasm is contagious and inspires others to seek solutions to existing problems."

Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach

About the Award

Since 1992, the Walter Barnard Hill Award has recognized distinguished achievement in public service and outreach by UGA faculty members and service professionals. Recipients have made contributions to the improvement of the quality of life in Georgia or elsewhere of an order that greatly exceeds the normal accomplishments of a productive faculty member. A maximum of five Hill Awards may be presented each year. Each awardee receives a medallion and a framed certificate. Only Hill Award winners are eligible for a Walter Barnard Hill Fellow Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach.

Like the Hill Fellow Award, the Hill Award is named in honor of Chancellor Walter Barnard Hill, who led the University of Georgia from 1899 until his death in 1905. His desire for more university involvement in the state of Georgia and his application of these goals and ideas helped pave the way for a modern public service oriented university.

Four faculty members and service professionals are 2024 recipients of the Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach. The award recognizes their contributions to the improvement of the quality of life in Georgia and beyond.



Raymond Phillip Edwards
UGA Extension

Phillip Edwards is the Southwest District Water Agent and a senior public service associate for UGA Extension. He served as county extension coordinator in Irwin County for 18 years, overseeing the county program's administration, including budget, funds development, needs assessment, adherence to policy and employee oversight.

For 36 years, Edwards has called Irwin County home, and his work addresses the needs of the farm clientele there. He contacts farmers more than 1,100 times each year to provide answers to questions about specific cotton topics. His newsletter emails, about 30 a year, reach a growing list of over 500 farmers, agribusinesses, county agents and others, providing information that educates county growers and reaches adjoining counties, nearby states and occasionally is shared on national platforms.

Edwards has conducted 147 applied research trials since 1998, most of them focused on cotton, to which more county land is devoted annually than any other commodity. Growers count on him at critical points in the growing season, from planting to defoliation. He coordinates multiple cotton related county meetings that bring updated information to farmers, who use the information each year as they progress through the growing season.

Not only does Edwards conduct applicable and vital applied research on crops of national and international importance, but he also shares the results of these trials so that others can benefit from this expertise.

Edwards has received several prestigious awards including the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award, which is one of the highest awards bestowed on a county agent.

He has received nine national awards, and in 2012 he received both the Senior King Cotton Award and placed first in the Georgia Peanut Education for Excellence Award. These are two of the most coveted awards a row-crop county agent can receive.

“The success of any Extension program relies very heavily on the expertise, credibility and quality of county agents, and UGA has some of the best in the country,” said Guy Collins, associate professor and cotton Extension specialist at N.C. State University. “Mr. Edwards is undoubtedly one of the most dedicated and passionate county agents that I have known, who relentlessly pursues the best solutions to his growers’ problems. (He) goes above and beyond the call of duty in his role in order to serve clientele in both his county and state.”



Anne Lindsay

Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant

Anne Lindsay is associate director of marine education and senior public service associate at UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant. She teaches marine science and coastal ecology for PreK through adult audiences and oversees the UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium on Skidway Island near Savannah.

The focus of her work is to provide opportunities for students of all ages and

backgrounds to connect with the natural world, engage in current coastal science and develop as stewards of the Georgia coast. She has implemented new programs, engaged diverse audiences, hired talented faculty and staff and secured new funding. She has significantly enhanced the center’s interpretive capacity with new exhibits and educational elements, as well as new outdoor teaching spaces and buildings. Under her leadership, the center has seen a significant increase in school groups and general visitors.

When most public facilities in Georgia, including the aquarium, were forced to close in March 2020, Lindsay led the effort to move educational programming online. The education team developed virtual education programs for students to follow online, and later in small group in-person programs aligned with university guidance on COVID. More than 500 “aquarium by appointment” small group visits brought in 2,129 participants to the aquarium.

In 2016, Lindsay secured funding from the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation to develop and implement a 2.5-hour Estuary Exploration Program for students. The onsite program includes salt marsh explorations, invertebrate laboratory studies and a deep dive into conservation efforts at Gray’s Reef National Marine Sanctuary. The project supported field, lab and aquarium experiences as well as transportation for fourth graders from six underserved partner schools in Liberty and McIntosh counties. Eighty program presentations were made to 1,104 students, 72 teachers and 229 adult family members attending with the students.

“As Ms. Lindsay provides opportunities for teachers and youth to become aware of the significance of coastal resources, she is helping to create better stewards of Georgia’s natural resources. It’s hard to underestimate the importance of shaping the future generations’ view of coastal environments and the subsequent importance of protecting them,” said Melanie Biersmith, UGA Extension state 4-H leader.



Carolina Ramon

Small Business Development Center

Carolina Ramon is director of specialty programs for the UGA Small Business Development Center. In this role she manages the SBDC’s International Trade Center, Multicultural Business Division and the state Small Business Credit Initiative across Georgia. Prior to this, she was the first Latina woman to be director of the SBDC Office of Minority Business Development, a position she held from 2017 until moving into her current job in 2021.

As a former business owner herself, Ramon has a passion for helping economically and socially disadvantaged businesses and has dedicated her career to understanding the challenges of growing small businesses in underserved markets.

Since 2015, she has helped small business owners and disadvantaged groups understand complex government contracting programs. She has provided more than 3,500 hours of business consulting related to government contracts to 460 Georgia business owners and has helped socially and economically disadvantaged business owners secure \$148 million in contracts with federal and local governments.

In collaboration with the Georgia Hispanic Construction Association, Ramon implemented a governing contract program and helped Latina businesswomen apply for business certifications. More than 47 women received assistance and opened their businesses to lucrative government contracts. Ramon was recognized by the Georgia Hispanic Construction Association as its Partner of the Year in 2021 for her efforts.

In 2020, in partnership with the Center for Pan Asian Community Services and the Gwinnett County Office of Economic Development, Ramon provided multicultural and multilingual training and webinars covering the Small Business Administration Emergency Loan programs and PPP Loan Forgiveness Application. Over 310 Pan Asian business owners attended training simultaneously in four languages (English, Mandarin, Korean and Vietnamese.)

Also that year, Ramon collaborated with the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to provide training and technical assistance in Spanish on the emergency loan programs and PPP Loan Forgiveness to Latino entrepreneurs. Ramon and her team helped Hispanic business owners secure more than \$6.8 million in federal loans through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

“Carolina is a national resource and advocate for Government Contracting and Business Development training,” said Sandra Font, senior director of Access to Capital to Entrepreneurs. “She is a go-to expert for Federal Procurement and has contributed to the success of our ACE Women’s Business Center in Metro Atlanta and Savannah.”



Uttam Kumar Saha

UGA Extension

Uttam Kumar Saha is a senior public service associate and the program coordinator of the Feed and Environmental Water Laboratory for UGA Extension. In that role, he operates a lab with a collaborative team of UGA experts who test for and mitigate threats to our air, water and feed/food.

In 2010, routine water testing by Saha and colleagues led to the discovery of uranium in some household wells in north Georgia and launched an aggressive program to monitor and address the threat. Radon, a lung cancer causing radioactive gas, exists in indoor air we breathe in many homes in Georgia and found in well waters often together with uranium. They were awarded a Georgia State Indoor Radon Grant by the EPA in 2012, with awards totaling \$2.5 million until now. Since 2012, the team has helped with mitigation of 3,000 homes for indoor air radon, and 200 private wells for radon in water. They continuously update Georgia's indoor air and well-water radon map with test results and optimized sampling methods.

Most of the nearly 2 million rural Georgians rely on about 681,000 private wells for their domestic water needs, including drinking water. Saha and colleagues have been leading public service and outreach efforts on behalf of UGA Extension to educate well owners about proper well maintenance to ensure safe drinking water. Regular water testing is key. Three of Saha's publications related to home water safety were among the top 20 UGA Extension publications for 2023, with more than 1,000 total page visits and 2,000 downloads.

Forages, the plants or plant material eaten by grazing livestock, are the foundation of most cattle and horse diets, so the forage quality is important for any productive and profitable livestock operation. Saha's team developed models used to test plant tissues, animal wastes, and the nutrition value of forages that farmers feed their stock. To encourage screening and educate forage producers, Saha together with Extension forage specialists began coordinating regional and state hay contests that emphasize forage quality. Now, Extension programs throughout southeastern states organize the contests. In 2023, the Southeastern Hay Contest, which includes 13 states, was the largest in the U.S. with 468 entries. Saha has been on the central role in this contest.

“His work in water testing plays a critical role in helping the University Extension service and improving the livelihood of our clientele,” said Lisa Baxter, UGA Extension forage specialist at UGA Tifton. “The reputation of the University of Georgia forage testing facilities are envied by our peers because of the timeliness and accuracy of the testing.”



Engaged Scholar Award

About the Award

The Engaged Scholar Award, established in 2008 as the Scholarship of Engagement Award, recognizes a tenured associate or full professor who has made significant career-spanning contributions to UGA's public service and outreach mission through scholarship, service-learning opportunities for students and campus leadership. The award serves to sustain or enhance the honoree's public service and outreach endeavors or to support the development of new ones.



Diane W. Bales

UGA Extension

Diane W. Bales is an Extension human development specialist, Child Life Program director and professor of human development and family science in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS). In these positions she engages in a diverse mix of activities, including applied research, high-impact instruction and experiential and service-learning activities that advance the University of Georgia's public service and outreach mission.

Since 1998, Bales has provided leadership and content expertise for the Better Brains for Babies (BBB) initiative, a collaboration of public and private organizations dedicated to promoting the importance of early brain development in infants and young children. Bales has trained more than 700 educators in four states, including Georgia, about the importance of early brain development on children's overall growth.

Her classes on child development include experiential, hands-on applications in class and in community-based service-learning projects. Student outreach includes volunteering at Kate's Club, an organization in metro Atlanta for children grieving the loss of a parent or sibling, or creating nutrition-related lessons for students visiting the UGArden, UGA's student-run community garden.

As a primary investigator (PI) on a series of grants from the USDA Rural Health and Safety Education program on opioid awareness, Bales partnered with FACS Extension agents to conduct assessments in six Georgia communities with high opioid use and poverty rates. Based on responses to the assessments, Bales and UGA Extension are working with the communities to develop hubs for education and support around opioid misuse.

Her work with opioid addiction led to Bales serving as PI on a series of grants addressing stress and mental health challenges in farmers and farm families. With project partners from the UGA Institute on Human Development and Disability, Bales' team conducted SWOT analyses to assess Georgia farmers. Using the SWOT results, they developed programs to help farmers and those who support them. They have hosted regional Farm Stress Summits for farmers and virtual conferences for women in agriculture, AgriLeadHER, to build a network for women to connect.

Tesha Humphrey, director of the Southern Ag Exchange Network, which includes Georgia and 12 other Southern states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, calls Bales an asset to the organization.

"Her exceptional strengths and knowledge surrounding community outreach, applied research, and mental health have helped guide the advancement of the network," Humphrey wrote in a recommendation letter for Bales. "Dr. Diane Bales is the epitome of an engaged scholar."

Other Public Service and Outreach Awards

Staff Award for Excellence

About the Award

The Public Service and Outreach Staff Award for Excellence, the most prestigious award for Public Service and Outreach staff members, recognizes individuals for their exceptional job performance, workplace creativity and innovation, and commitment to service.

Vice President's Awards

About the Awards

In fall 2022, the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach introduced new awards for Public Service and Outreach employees. The Vice President's Awards of Excellence recognize those employees throughout the eight PSO units who consistently exceed expectations to secure external grants, sponsored programs and private funding to support and grow our programs. They also recognize employees who excel in engaging students in outreach work; who provide excellent overall service in any situation; and who understand and implement measures to evaluate and assess our impact.



Christina Allen-Wise, Staff Award *J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development*

Christina Allen-Wise is a program operations coordinator for the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development. In this role, she manages Fanning's 35 to 45 community leadership programs throughout Georgia, three to five regional programs and the annual Community Leadership Conference. Allen-Wise manages every aspect of each program, including faculty assignments, designing and producing presentation materials, finding locations to meet and working with clients on logistical arrangements, finalizing contracts and balancing budgets.

One strong example of Allen-Wise's commitment to excellence and exemplary service can be found in her support of the Middle Georgia Regional Leadership Champions program, which provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity to build individual and regional leadership competencies around strategic goals. She has been involved with the program since its inception in 2015.

Her commitment to service while she coordinates community-based leadership programs led to her recent assignment to coordinate two sponsored programs implemented by the Fanning Institute—the Public Service and Outreach Facilitation Academy and the UGA New Faculty Tour. These programs require maintaining a high degree of service to a wide variety of constituents while managing complicated logistics, schedules and circumstances.

When the COVID-19 pandemic sent everyone home to work, there was increased demand for an online certificate leadership development program. Allen-Wise created, implemented and managed a registration process, oversaw the online software, communicated with participants, and held regular debriefing sessions with faculty to get input that helped refine the program. As a result of the positive evaluations Fanning received from participants, the Online Certificate in Leadership Development endured beyond the pandemic, and Allen-Wise is preparing for a third cohort.

Brittany Adams-Pope, a Fanning Institute public service associate, said that with Allen-Wise on her team, she knows the project will be flawless.

“Her ability to anticipate her faculty's needs makes our work run so smoothly,” Adams-Pope said. “Her attention to detail in everything she does leaves no room for worry. Her commitment to exemplary service is consistently on display. Once a client has interacted with Christina, they always ask for her again because they know she will stop at nothing to make sure everything is as perfect as possible for everyone involved.”



Scott Crabtree, Staff Award
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Scott Crabtree is the operations manager for the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. In this position, he manages the System Support Group and IT Infrastructure and provides technical leadership for the faculty, staff and student employees in Athens, Atlanta and various other locations throughout the state and U.S.

He manages system administration, networks and wireless networks, help desks, web services, desktop support and application development needed to support individual employees,

projects and divisions. Crabtree plans, develops and implements information technology strategies for top level management. He also manages the facilities for the Lucy Cobb complex, the Seney-Stovall Chapel, and other building sites on campus and in Atlanta.

Crabtree demonstrates his commitment to excellence by effectively ensuring that the institute has the IT and facilities support necessary to achieve its mission and goals. The wide scope of his job duties in all things related to IT and facilities result in him essentially being consistently on call. He responds to UGA Police security concerns and IT or facilities issues at all hours of the night, on weekends and over holidays. After recent high intensity storms passed through Athens after work hours, Crabtree returned to the Lucy Cobb complex to assess any impact to IT operations or damage to facilities that might impact employees the next day. He was there before UGA Facilities Management Division or Georgia Power, and he communicated his damage assessment to Institute of Government employees that night.

Crabtree is dedicated not just to the institute, but also to all of PSO. He manages the Zoom accounts for all PSO units, which recently included working with EITS to add new functions that are uniquely required by PSO. He proactively looks for ways to collaborate, support or realize mutual costs savings with other units.

“Scott Crabtree always goes above and beyond what’s required of him,” said Lena Smith, executive assistant to the Institute of Government director. “He has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism. He is thorough, timely and thoughtful in everything he does. Scott displays a remarkable ability to effectively manage, exhibits a strong attention to detail and takes a proactive approach to problem-solving. His ability to quickly assess situations and make informed decisions contributes to the smooth functioning of our facilities on a daily basis.”



Emily Newdow, Staff Award
UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel

Emily Newdow is the facilities management department head for the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel. In this position, Newdow works with the heads of engineering, groundskeeping and skilled crafts to resolve problems with facility usage, operations, equipment, and HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems. She manages all on-site construction and renovation projects, long-range planning, design and capital construction.

Newdow also hires outside contractors, managing the bid process when necessary, and prepares and maintains the annual budgets for the maintenance and grounds departments, capital projects and facility upkeep.

For more than 11 years, Newdow has been creating an environment that ensures each of the 200,000 annual visitors to the Georgia Center has the ideal experience. During that time, she has overseen major repair, redesign and renovation projects, including the complete demolition and renovation of the Georgia Center’s kitchen, a two-year renovation of more than 150 hotel rooms and public dining spaces, and significant improvements to HVAC, mechanical and electrical systems.

Her leadership skills were on display during the 2022 winter break when subfreezing temperatures in Athens caused pipes to burst, flooding the hotel lobby, concierge area and hotel rooms. Newdow immediately went into action, mobilizing her maintenance team and coordinating with the UGA Facilities Management Division and UGA Police to mitigate the damage and control the scene. She worked tirelessly to ensure that all aspects of the \$1.3 million project to remediate and renovate the damaged property were managed efficiently and expediently.

Newdow, who has a background in interior design, looks at how a design change or new aesthetic will impact the center’s learning environment. She ensures that all customers have a positive interaction with the physical environment, by selecting conference chairs that are comfortable for long periods of time and arranging lobby furniture to encourage collaboration.

“There are few facilities managers who excel at interior design and understand large scale building systems, and lead complex logistics plans to upgrade aged infrastructure in a high-profile building that is almost always open,” said Gwynne Darden, UGA associate vice president and university architect. “She is customer service-centric both in working with others on a facilities project team and on upgrades for the Georgia Center clientele.”

Vice President's Awards

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN GRANTS AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Bryan Fluech, *Associate Director of Extension*
Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENT

Kyle Hensel, *Director of Continuing Education*
Small Business Development Center

Mark Lupo, *Senior Public Service Associate*
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Josh Podvin, *Assistant Director for Community Partnerships*
Office of Service-Learning

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

Lori Tiller, *Public Service Associate*
J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development

Brandy Walker, *Public Service Associate*
J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

Sam Perren, *Operations Coordinator*
Archway Partnership

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN OVERALL SERVICE

Andy Stowe, *Systems Administrator Principal*
UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN OVERALL TEAM

Food and Beverage Team
UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel



Public Service and Outreach Programs

Public Service and Outreach Student Scholars Program

The Public Service and Outreach Student Scholars Program, supported by the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, provides undergraduate students with the experience of an internship in a Public Service and Outreach unit as well as group activities to explore the purpose, breadth and depth of public service and outreach. The program helps students relate these experiences to their educational and career goals and creates a community of undergraduate student scholars who understand the role of public service and outreach in Georgia and more broadly. The 2023-2024 Public Service and Outreach Student Scholars are listed with their major and their internships in a Public Service and Outreach unit.

Dalma Arteaga, Management, *Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Aman Boricha-Masand, Biological Engineering, *Office of Service-Learning*

Mason Brock, Public Relations, *Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Isabella Cirino, Health Promotion, *J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development*

Deona Davis, Sports Management, *Office of Service-Learning*

Oscar De la Torre, Applied Biotechnology, *State Botanical Garden of Georgia*

Katie Field, Management Information Systems, *Small Business Development Center*

Valencia John, Psychology, *Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Zoe Jordan, Psychology, *Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, Communications*

Abby Kirry, Political Science, *Office of Service-Learning*

Olivia Noni, Public Relations, *J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development*

Jasmine Patel, Environmental Economics and Management, *Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant*

William Peters, Finance, *Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach*

Davis Potts, International Affairs, *Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant*

Kennedy Powell, Human Development and Family Sciences, *Archway Partnership*

Caleb Sandler, Finance, *State Botanical Garden of Georgia*

Saanvikha Saravanan, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, *Archway Partnership*

Hadiza Sarr, Computer Science, *Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Julia Shalhoub, Psychology, *Office of Service-Learning*

Aria Sikal, Anthropology, *Archway Partnership*

Sydney Strickland, Economics, *Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

Dawson Templin, Economics, *Archway Partnership*

Feben Teshome, International Affairs, *Office of Service-Learning*





Connected Resilient Community Designation

About the Award

The Connected Resilient Community (CRC) program was launched by UGA Public Service and Outreach in 2022 to increase the university's impact across the state. Facilitated by the Archway Partnership, Georgia counties and municipalities are selected to develop a resiliency plan by engaging residents, analyzing local data and completing three projects from 10 categories and more than 70 programs in which UGA faculty and students have expertise.

Communities are recognized with medals—silver, gold and platinum—at the finish of each project and receive the CRC designation upon completion of all three projects. Securing a CRC designation from UGA demonstrates a community's strength in planning, collaboration and partnership with UGA that differentiates that community as highly desirable for new growth in a competitive economic development landscape.

Platinum Award

Appling County
City of Thomaston
Grady County
Newton County



Previous Awards

2023

Hill Fellow
Doris Miller

Hill Award
Charles T. Bargeron IV
John G. Hulsey
Carole H. Knight
Gregory J. Wilson

Engaged Scholar Award
Henry Young

Staff Award
Jack Auckland
James Byars

2022

Hill Fellow
Maritza Soto Keen

Hill Award
Pamela N. Knox
Joan Koonce
J. Scott Pippin
Lenny Wells

Engaged Scholar Award
Jason A. Cole

Staff Award
Pamela C. Bracken

2021

Hill Fellow
Robert C. Kemerait Jr.

Hill Award
Carolina Darbisi
Leigh Askew Elkins
Keri Gandy Hobbs
Mark Lupo
David Tanner

Engaged Scholar Award
Edward Delgado-Romero

Staff Award
Lisa Gentit

2020

Hill Fellow
Walt McBride

Hill Award
Jennifer Ceska
Kris Irwin
Shana Jones
Eleanor Lanier
Mara Shaw

Engaged Scholar Award
Stephan Durham

Staff Award
Cora Keber
T. Clark Stancil

2019

Hill Fellow
Stanley Culpepper

Hill Award
Jeffrey Humphreys
Amanda Burgess Marable
David Meyers
William G. Tyson
Theresa Wright

Engaged Scholar Award
Alexander Scherr

Staff Award
Genell Gibson

2018

Hill Fellow
Kim Coder

Hill Award
Julia Gaskin
Beverly E. Johnson
Tori Stivers

Engaged Scholar Award
Ruth Harman

Staff Award
James Marty Higgins

2017

Hill Award
Tracy Arner
Melanie Biersmith
Danny Bivins
Dennis Hancock
Janet Rechtman

Engaged Scholar Award
Tina Harris

Staff Award
Kate Smith

2016

Hill Fellow
Karen Payne

Hill Award
Ellen Bauske
Phillip Brannen
David Moorhead

Engaged Scholar Award
Phillip Tomporowski

Staff Award
Fei Zhang

2015

Hill Fellow
Eric P. Probst

Hill Award
Alfredo Martinez-
Espinoza
Raye Rawls
Paula E. Sanford
Clint Waltz

Engaged Scholar Award
Anna Karls

Staff Award
Sandy Christopher

2014

Hill Fellow
Jeffrey R. Sanford

Hill Award
Sue W. Chapman
George Weston Clarke Jr.
Stanley Culpepper
Robert C. Kemerait Jr.

Engaged Scholar Award
Marsha Davis

Staff Award
Karen Duncan
Melanie Hardman
Lindsey Parker

2013

Hill Fellow
Ronnie Barentine

Hill Award
Matthew L. Bishop
Janet Bittner
Lori Purcell Bledsoe
Doris Miller
John Worley

Engaged Scholar Award
Lance Palmer

Staff Award
Dan Evans
Tim Holcomb
Linda Rhodes

2012

Hill Fellow
L. Ray "Rusty" Brooks

Hill Award
Glenn H. Beard
W. Dennis Epps
Maritza Soto Keen
Margaret E. Melnik
Eric P. Probst

SOE Award
Lorilee R. Sandmann

Staff Award
Michelle Bailey
Emily Davis
Kathy Hart

2011

Hill Fellow
L. Mark Risse

Hill Award
Judy Hibbs
Louise Hill
Richard C. Lacy
Walt McBride
Karen Payne

SOE Award
David C. Berle

Staff Award
Stephanie Edgecombe
Lisa Lynn Kesler
Larry Welborn

2010

Hill Fellow
Mark Foster

Hill Award
W. Don Shurley
Paul D. Wigley

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