

# Athens Annual Hospitality Award Winners



<b>Year</b>	<b>Louis Griffith Hospitality Award</b>	<b>Hospitality HEROES of the Year Award</b>	<b>Classic Host Award</b>	<b>Partner of the Year Award</b>
<b>2002</b>	Maureen Baker The Classic Center	Sonya Roundy Courtyard by Marriott	---	---
<b>2003</b>	Jaamy Zarnegar Last Resort Grill	Jonie Anthony UGA Center for Continuing Education, Savannah Room	---	---
<b>2004</b>	Roy Jahn Hardeman Sams House / Athens Wedding Professionals	Jennifer Delk Holiday Inn / Holiday Inn Express	---	---
<b>2005</b>	Louis Shropshire Motel Enterprises	Sandra Solomon Courtyard by Marriott	---	---
<b>2006</b>	Len Sopera Athens First / Athens Regional Foundation Classic	Jean Blackwell Hampton Inn	Nate Kohn Grady College / Robert Osborne's Classic Film Festival	---
<b>2007</b>	Robert Leiter UGA Center for Continuing Education	Gloria Acosta Holiday Inn	Julie Morrill Reading First	---
<b>2008</b>	Jackie Wilson Athens Technical College	Annise Thomas The Classic Center	Butch McDuffie Athens Transit Johnny Fowler North Georgia United Methodist Annual Conference	---
<b>2009</b>	E.H. Culpepper The Classic Center	Lesley Nelms Hilton Garden Inn	Matt Brachowski & Christie Purks UGA Athletic Assn.	---
<b>2010</b>	Dede Farmer Foundry Park Inn & Spa	Patrick Howard Foundry Park Inn & Spa	Jared Bailey AthFest Half Marathon	---
<b>2011</b>	Chuck Clark Bread for Life, Benson's Bakery	Tammy Boss Candlewood Suites	Homer Wilson Prince Hall Masons	---
<b>2012</b>	Shawn Butcher Porterhouse Grill	Ryan Crenshaw Hotel Indigo	Bob Trotter & Lauren Fancher Ex Libris Users of North America	---
<b>2013</b>	Bain Mattox Normal Bar & The World Famous	Calla Davis Foundry Park Inn & Spa	Rev. Patricia Downs Wilder	---
<b>2014</b>	Shannon McCullough The Classic Center	Celeste Josephine Heirloom Cafe	Deborah White GACIS and GAEL	Tripp Moore Best Western Athens
<b>2015</b>	Cardee Kipatrack Former CVB Chair	Chelsie Needham The Place	Mile Callinan Athens Academy FTC Super Regional South Robotics	Abby Hicks Hotel Indigo
<b>2016</b>	Didi Dunphy Lyndon House Arts Center	Allison Perfetti The Classic Center	Allen Seigler Georgia Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)	Kim Barnett Benson's Hospitality Group
<b>2017</b>	Mike Waldrip Benson's Hospitality Group and Mayor Nancy Denson	Janet Parker Gregory Taylor-Grady House	Joni Robinson Caterpillar	Michael Lachowski Georgia Museum of Art
<b>2018</b>	James Mellichamp Piedmont College	Richard Mikulka Flicker Theatre and Bar	Jean Lord Carl Vinson Institute of GA. - UGA	Russel Stalvey Terrapin Beer Co.
<b>2019</b>				

\*Awards not held in 2020 and 2021

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<b>2022</b>	William "Bill" Eiland Georgia Museum of Art	Ioannis Karytinis Hyatt Place	Cecil Wilder Georgia Music Educators Assn.	David Cappi DePalmas
<b>2023</b>	Dr. John Salazar UGA, Hospitality and Food Industry Management	Caitlin Short Historic Athens Welcome Center	Beverly Arnold GA Board of Regents	Paul Skinner Authentic Brewing Co.
<b>2024</b>	<b>Dr. Jack Crowley</b> UGA, College of Environment and Design	Maria Alarcon Hotel Indigo	Dusty Smith GA Assn. of Educational Leaders (GAEL)	Anna Joerschke Benson's Hospitality Group

