

Athens Annual Hospitality Award Winners



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

*Awards not held in 2020 and 2021

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2022	William "Bill" Eiland Georgia Museum of Art	Ioannis Karytinis Hyatt Place	Cecil Wilder Georgia Music Educators Assn.	David Cappi DePalmas
2023	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.

