



Announcing Nominees for 2018 Leadership Character Awards by Turknett Leadership Group and Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership

Atlanta-based Turknett Leadership Group and The Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership have announced the nominees for the 13th Leadership Character Awards. The awards will be held at a luncheon on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the Georgia Aquarium.

Andrew J. Young- civil and human rights pioneer, former U.S Ambassador to the UN, and former Atlanta Mayor - **will be the 2018 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award in Leadership Character.** “It is a privilege to recognize Ambassador Young with this prestigious award. Few of us have been tested the way he has been throughout his life yet he continues to serve the needs of others. He is a role model of courage, character and servant leadership,” said Pat Falotico, CEO, Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership.

The award recognizes exceptional leaders who exemplify the highest standards of character, integrity, and servant leadership over a lifetime of organizational service and service to the larger community.

Since 2003, the Turknett Leadership Character Awards have recognized Georgia leaders who demonstrate character in leadership based on alignment with The Leadership Character Model™, a model developed by Bob and Lyn Turknett in 1995. Nominated individuals demonstrate integrity, balance respect and responsibility, and pass Robert Greenleaf’s Best Test™ of servant leadership by nurturing servant leadership in others.

All nominees are recognized at the event, and a top nominee in each category will be selected by the Advisory Board. Members of the 2018 Advisory Board include: Ann Cramer, Senior Consultant with Coxe Curry & Associates; Tom Crawford, Principal/Founder of Crawford Corporate Coaching, *former Leadership Character Award winner*; David Ratcliffe, former President, and CEO of Southern Company; Conchita Robinson, President and CEO of C Robinson Associates, Inc.; Ann Stallard, Senior Advisor of Oxford Center for Entrepreneurs and *former Leadership Character Award winner*; and Advisor Emeritus, Dr. Betty Siegel, President Emeritus & Endowed Chair of Siegel Institute of Leadership, Ethics & Character, Kennesaw State University.

2018 Nominees

CEO/President/Managing Partner - Large Company Category:

- John Dwyer, President - AT&T Prepaid Portfolio
- Alex Gregory, Immediate Past CEO/Chairman - YKK
- Shane Jackson, President - Jackson Healthcare

CEO/President/Managing Partner – Small/Medium Company Category:

- Clint Bailey, Managing Partner - HUNTER Technical
- Tom Burnside, CEO - LendingPoint
- Aaron Goldman, President - Perennial Properties
- Walter Griggs, President/CEO - SquarePac
- Mark Lloyd, Owner/CEO - The Lloyd Group, Inc.
- Arnie Silverman, President - Silverman CPM
- Katerina Taylor, President/CEO - DeKalb Chamber of Commerce
- Moira Vetter, CEO - Modo Modo Agency

Executive/Manager Category:

- Monica Anderton, VP HR - Mondi Paper
- Michael Blake, Director - Brady Ware
- Martin Davis, EVP & CIO - Southern Company
- Rich DeAugustinis, VP Global Communications & Planning - Coca-Cola
- Resha Gadson, Associate Director - AT&T
- Stacy Hughes, SVP - Global Payments
- Angela Long, VP/Chief People Officer - Colonial Pipeline Co.
- Dianne Miller, Director - AT&T
- Leon Morales, Managing Director - DNA Behavior International
- Greg Morrison, SVP/CIO - Cox Enterprises
- Kishia Powell, Commissioner – Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Management for the City of Atlanta
- Nzinga Shaw, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer - Atlanta Hawks and State Farm Arena

Education Category:

- Dr. Robiaun Charles, VP for College Advancement - Agnes Scott College
- Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, President/Dean - Morehouse School of Medicine
- Rita Sheffey, Assistant Dean for Public Service - Emory University School of Law
- Mark Whitlock, Founding CEO - Central Educational Center

Non-Profit Category:

- Maria Balais, Executive Director - Leadership DeKalb
- Larry Campbell, Executive Director - Corners Outreach
- Robin Collins, VP - League of Women Voters of Georgia
- Darlene Duke, Executive Director - Sweetwater Mission
- Patrick Gahan, Founder - Enduring Hearts
- Jack Harris, President/CEO - Junior Achievement of Georgia
- Dr. Kevin James, Acting CEO - 100 Black Men of America, Inc.
- Kwame Johnson, President/CEO - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta
- Matt Lindenberg, Founder/President - Global Conservation Corps
- Beth Messer, Chief Program Officer - Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta
- Donna Morgan, President/CEO - Columbus Hospice of GA & AL
- Dr. Amy Pelissero, Head of School - Global Village Project
- Len Romano, President/CEO - Christian City
- Cati Stone, Executive Director - Susan G. Komen Greater Atlanta
- Viola Thompson, President/CEO - IT Senior Management Forum
- Kyle Waide, President/CEO - Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Dave Ward, President & CEO - Tommy Nobis Center
- Dr. Dakira Watkins, Director of Student Services - Year Up

Inspiritor Category:

- Donna Buchanan, Former COO - United Way Greater Atlanta
- Randy Hain, Founder - Serviam Partners
- Nikki Jefferson, SR HR Business Partner /Mgr. - Cox Communications
- Lloyd Knight, Director - UPS
- Bill McGahan, Chair/Founder - Georgia Works!
- Rose McKeever, Nurse Navigator - DeKalb Medical
- Tricia Molloy, President - Working with Wisdom
- Brenda Morant, CEO - Womens' International Think Tank
- Dianne Rogers, Charter Member - GA Commission on Women
- Theresa Spralling, Associate Director - AT&T
- Richard "Ricky" Steele, CEO - Steele Technology Partners
- Forrest Tuff, CEO - One Vision Productions, LLC
- Dr. Lana Wachniak - Orange Duffel Bag Initiative

The awards will once again be presented under the auspices of the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership™, a nonprofit [501(c)3] with international reach. Net proceeds from this year's awards will be used to fund Greenleaf's Servant Leadership Journey Online™ scholarships for student members of their Georgia chapters of Golden Key International Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity.

Pat Falotico, Bob and Lyn Turknett, and the Host Committee invite everyone in the community to attend the Leadership Character Awards. 2018 Host Committee members include:

Cathy Adams	Federal Home Loan Bank
Teanna Alexis	AT&T
Ron Alston	SunTrust Bank
Letty Ashworth*	Delta
Veronica Biggins	Diversified Search
Becky Blalock	Retired - So. Company
Shan Cooper*	Community Servant
Amy Corn	Marketing/Communication
Paulette Corbin	Corbin Executive Coaching
Tracy Crump	Foundation of Wesley Woods
Tom Darrow	Talent Connections & Career Spa
Kathy Dowling	United Way Women United
Nellie Duke*	Georgia Women's Institute
Rita Evans	Merrill Lynch
Tracy Garner*	AT&T
Mary Ellen*/ Patsy Garrett	Merrill Lynch
Kym Harris, Ph.D.	Your SweetSpot Coaching & Consulting
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Wonya Lucas	Public Broadcasting Atlanta
Allyson Lundquist	
Susan O'Dwyer	Aprio
Michael Petrik*	Alston & Bird LLP
Katerina Taylor	DeKalb Chamber of Commerce
Liz Ward	United Way Greater ATL
Jessie Pottsdamer Watson	
John Yates*	Morris, Manning & Martin LLP

* Indicates former Leadership Character Award Winner

For ticket information, please go to <https://members.greenleaf.org/event/lca18> . [Barnes & Thornburg LLP](#) will be the presenting sponsor for the 2018 Awards, and are also sponsoring at the time of this release. Additional information about sponsorship can be found at <https://www.leadershipcharacterawards.org/sponsors/>.

About the Leadership Character Awards

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About the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership

Founded in 1964, the Greenleaf Center is an international nonprofit organization that serves students, individuals, workplaces and the community by growing servant-leaders through education and programming. Robert K. Greenleaf was the author of "The Servant as Leader," a landmark essay that coined the phrase "servant-leader" and launched the modern servant leadership movement. Today the Greenleaf Center nurtures students, enhances workplaces and builds the servant leader community through education, leadership development and conferences. To find out more, please visit www.greenleaf.org.

About Turknett Leadership Group

TLG's expertise is Leadership. With over 30 years' experience, TLG is Atlanta's premiere resource for Executive Coaching, Talent Assessment, Leadership Team Development, Culture Assessment and Change, and more. Through an approach grounded in science and guided by the Leadership Character Model™, TLG helps organizations hire the best people, identify and develop high potentials, and create high-performing cultures. To find out more, please visit www.turknett.com