

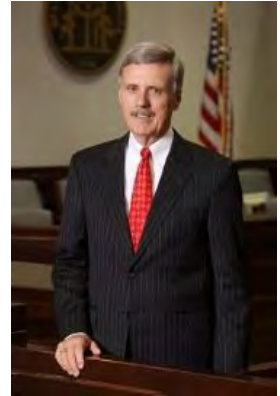
William R. (Billy) Hickman, ΘK 62

GSU 2013 COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Brother William R. (Billy) Hickman, Jr. ΘK 62, a 1974 graduate of Georgia Southern University was honored as the 2013 College of Business Administration Alumnus of the Year. The award was bestowed for his outstanding career accomplishments and support of their alma mater during the annual Alumni Association Awards Banquet held on Sat., April 6, 2013 at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on the GSU campus. Billy is partner at Dabbs, Hickman, Hill and Cannon, LLP, in Statesboro where he was the managing partner from 1998-2008. He is an alumnus of the Theta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity where he has been involved in the alumni chapter and house corporation since nearly his graduation.

Billy was influential in the fundraising and leadership during the drive for the purchase, construction, financing, and mortgage elimination of the Chapter House. He worked collaboratively with other local and non-local alumni to secure financing for the house against many obstacles. Billy was one of the alumni who stepped forward in 1988 to state it was time to get started we then hired the builder for the House. In 2000, he "captained" a team with his son, Rusty (ΘK 515), which helped drive the payoff of the mortgage in 2005. He continues to be active in the Theta Kappa House Corporation as the Vice President, now for almost 30 years. Billy was recognized in 1989 at the Dedication of the Chapter House, in 1997 as our Alumnus of the Year, and in 2005 at the Celebration of the elimination of the mortgage, for his personal contributions and team efforts in leadership of our alumni.

Billy and his wife Jo Ann reside in Statesboro, where they have two adult children, Rusty and Rhett, and a grandchild. Billy is currently the President of the Downtown Rotary Club and has been involved in numerous civic organizations during his career. Congratulations to Billy and his family for this prestigious and well deserved award from Georgia Southern. See: <http://sigmanugsu.celect.org/billy-hickman>.





PRESS RELEASE

Georgia Southern University Alumni Honored with Awards

STATESBORO, Ga. – April 8, 2013 – Georgia Southern University recognized ten alumni for their outstanding career accomplishments and support of their alma mater during the annual Alumni Association Awards Banquet held last Saturday night at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.

Here are the winners of the 2013 Alumni Association Awards:

- Alumnus of the Year: Chris Riley, ('92), chief of staff, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal, Atlanta
- Alumna of the Year in Private Enterprise: Caroline Harless, ('77), president and CEO, Peachtree Capital Corp., Atlanta, and co-owner of Flat Creek Lodge, Swainsboro
- Department of Biology Alumnus of the Year: Jimmy Wedincamp, Ph.D., ('92 & '94), chairman of the biology department at East Georgia State College, Swainsboro
- College of Business Administration Alumnus of the Year: Billy Hickman, ('74), partner at Dabbs, Hickman, Hill and Cannon, LLP, Statesboro
- College of Health and Human Sciences Alumnus of the Year: J.E. Rowe, ('62), former head basketball coach, Georgia Southern
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Alumnus of the Year: Meg Heap, ('86), Chatham County District Attorney, Savannah
- College of Education Alumnus of the Year: Martha Cain, Ph.D., ('50), retired chemistry professor, Georgia Southern
- Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology Alumnus of the Year: James Suchovsky, ('92 & '02), plant manager, Briggs and Stratton, Statesboro
- College of Science and Mathematics Alumnus of the Year: Ronny Just, ('84), external issues coordinator for governmental and regulatory affairs, Georgia Power, Atlanta
- Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Alumnus of the Year: Kelley Chester, Ph.D., ('93, '07 & '10) research scientist, RTI International, Atlanta

Brief biographies on the ten award winners can be found in the attached file.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers 125 degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered approach to education.

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Photos: Front to back. Row 1 (L-R): Caroline Harless, Kelley Chester, Martha Cain; Row 2 (L-R): Meg Heap, Billy Hickman, Jimmy Wedincamp; Row 3 (L-R): James Suchovsky, Chris Riley, Ronny Just

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BILLY HICKMAN

PARTNER, CPA, CFF

DABBS, HICKMAN, HILL AND

CANNON, LLP

STATESBORO, GEORGIA

EDUCATION:

Georgia Southern University, B.B.A.,

Accounting, 1974



ACCOMPLISHMENTS/SERVICE:

- Georgia Southern University College of Business Administration Business Advisory Council
- Georgia Southern University Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees
- Ogeechee Technical College Board of Directors
- Ogeechee Technical College Foundation Executive Committee
- Ogeechee Technical College Foundation Past President
- Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors
- Chairman, Savannah to Augusta Developmental Highway Association
- Chairman, Bulloch County Multi-Purpose Agriculture Building Committee
- Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee
- Development Authority of Bulloch County
- Co-Chair, Committee to Review Consolidation of Local Governments in Statesboro-Bulloch County
- Chairman, "A Day for Southern" Georgia Southern University, 2004
- Chairman of the Board, United Way of Southeast Georgia
- Section Chairman of Human Services, United Way Fund Drive in Bulloch County
- Chairman, Relay for Life Cancer Drive, 2002-2003
- Campaign Chairman, Bulloch County United Way, 2004
- First Baptist Church Finance Committee

AFFILIATIONS/HONORS:

- Past President of Southeast Georgia Society of Public Accountants
- Past President of Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce
- Leadership Georgia, Class of 1986
- Past President of Midday Optimist Club
- Dean Day Smith Service to Mankind Award, 1989
- Theta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Nu Alumnus of the Year, 1997
- Georgia Southern University Outstanding Accounting Alumnus, 1998
- Georgia Southern University Commencement address, 2002
- Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year, 2007
- Georgia Southern University International Honor Society of Beta Gamma Sigma, 2012

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Alumni Association

1969 William A. Winn, Jr.
 1970 Award not presented
 1971 James A. Warren
 1972 Ann Swicord
 1973 Rosalyn Tillis
 1974 William A. Winn, Jr.
 1975 Newelle D. Anderson
 1976 Edward A. Abercrombie
 1977 Candy Frawley
 1978 Doris W. Niblett
 1979 Woodrow Powell
 1980 Norris & Evelyn Strickland
 1981 Ronald "Bo" Ginn
 1982 Cohen Anderson
 C.D. Sheley
 1983 H. Frank Hook, III
 1984 Faye Sanders
 1985 J. Aubrey Pafford
 1986 W.W. "Buzz" Hankinson
 1987 Harry S. Carter
 Connell Stafford
 Ric Mandes
 1988 Lana Wachniak
 Gail Reed
 D. Robert Hobbs
 1989 Julian Deal
 Wendel Wilson
 Cherry W. & Hal W. Clements
 1990 Gene Crawford
 1991 Ned L. Warren
 1992 Kirbylene Stephens
 1993 Doris W. Niblett
 E.G. Meybohm
 1994 Billy G. Tyson
 M.C. Anderson -
 Friendship Award
 1995 Bartow Miller
 Larry Smith -
 Private Enterprise
 Wayne Murphy -
 Friendship Award
 1996 Dr. Richard Skinner
 D. Morgan Derst-
 Private Enterprise
 Kathryn Crawford -
 Friendship Award
 1997 Dr. Harrison S. Carter
 Timothy Durden-
 Young Alumnus

Eugene Bishop -
 Friendship Award
 Mitchell Bush -
 Private Enterprise
 1998 Dr. Jack N. Averitt
 Thomas A. Curry Jr. -
 Private Enterprise
 Steve Kennedy -
 Young Alumnus
 Bill Cook -
 Friendship Award
 1999 The Honorable Jack Hill
 Martin Nesmith
 Private Enterprise
 Jay Harris
 Young Alumnus
 Dan Parrish Jr.
 Friendship Award
 2000 Dr. James Oliver
 Mike Cummings
 Private Enterprise
 Deryl Belser
 Young Alumnus
 Bruce Yawn
 Friendship Award
 2001 Dan T. Cathy
 Angelia Aaron
 Young Alumna
 Max Manack
 Private Enterprise
 Rep. Bob Lane
 Friendship Award
 2002 Archie Nesmith
 Chris Ingram
 Young Alumnus
 Dr. Karl E. Peace
 Private Enterprise
 2003 Connell Stafford
 Norris Strickland
 Private Enterprise
 John Milhous
 Young Alumnus
 2004 Michael Curry
 Steve Melton
 Private Enterprise
 2005 James W. Kennedy
 Lea Anne McBride
 Young Alumna
 Lamar Hennon
 Friendship Award

2006 Hala Modellmog
 Marshal Mize
 Private Enterprise
 2007 Tracy Ham
 Rod Meadows
 Private Enterprise
 2008 Dr. Barbara Christmas
 2011 Leslie Smith
 Dennette Thornton
 Young Alumna

Eagle Lifetime Achievement

1993 J.B. Searce
 1994 Erk Russell
 1995 John Cannon
 1996 Robert B. Baker
 1998 William A. Freeman
 1999 Robert Hobbs
 2000 Don Coleman
 2001 Rep. Terry Coleman
 2002 David Ball
 2003 Paul Massey
 2006 Claude A. Howard, Jr.

College of Business Administration

1981 Julian Deal
 1982 James S. Pollak
 1983 Thomas E. Sandefur, Jr.
 1984 Patrick Blanchard
 1985 John Lawrence
 1986 W.W. "Buzz" Hankinson
 1987 Thomas Earl Morris
 1988 William A. Furbish
 1989 Margot Morris Dawkins
 1990 William A. Freeman
 1991 Jack S. Hill
 1992 James "Jimmy" Childre, Jr.
 1993 William I. "Billy" Griffis
 1994 John Giddens
 1995 Scott H. Muse
 1996 Doug Lambert
 1997 Ric Tomlinson
 1998 Dr. Bill Bolen
 1999 Dr. C. Don Wiggins
 2000 Ulysses S. Knotts, III
 2001 Phil Moore, Jr.
 2002 Thomas P. Bond, Jr.
 2003 Michael Skinner
 2004 Don Howard

2005 Charles W. Leggette
 2006 Gary M. Davis
 2007 Olivia Suggs Flanagan
 2008 J.T. Marburger
 2011 Michael Sanders

College of Education

1985 Sam Wiggins
 1986 J. Michael Moore
 1987 Dr. Julian Stanley
 1988 Edwin L. Wynn
 1989 Sid B. Neville
 1990 June DiPolito
 1991 Billy Bice
 1992 Barbara Howard Christmas
 1993 Robert Cresswell
 1994 Joan A. Jordan
 1995 John F. DeNitto
 1996 Dr. Jack Christmas
 1997 Johnny W. Tremble
 1998 Dr. Jane A. Page
 1999 Dr. C. Paul Scott
 2000 Dr. Mary Sue Deloach Smith
 2001 Dr. Marie C. Hooks
 2002 Dr. Kenneth Robbins
 2003 Dr. Sara Neville Bennett
 2004 Jan Anderson
 2005 Chase Puckett
 2006 Dr. Dawn H. Cartee
 2007 Norris Strickland
 2008 Dr. Molly Howard
 2011 Sheila Hoynes

College of Health and Human Sciences

1989 Jana Kicklighter
 1990 Lonice C. Barrett
 1991 Hon. Jimmy Rainwater
 1992 Jacquelyn E. Ogden
 1993 Claudia Tucker Mertl
 1994 Margaret P. Garner
 1995 Troy A. Athon
 1996 Margaret W. Dorroh
 1997 Martha Giddens Nesbit
 1998 Ilene Dailey
 1999 Sandra Kaye Horton
 2000 Col. Jim Dooley
 2001 Charlotte White
 2002 Max Lockwood
 2003 Bob Cramer
 2004 Nancy Bryant
 2005 Michael Scott

2006 Diane C. Bailey
 2007 Frank Hook
 2008 Adrian Peterson
 2011 Kim Baird

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

1996 Dr. Richard Skinner
 1997 Dr. Lee R. Berger
 1998 Dr. Perry W. Buffington
 1999 Jennifer Abshire
 2000 Hala Modellmog
 2001 Dr. Steve McCallum
 2002 Jerry Franklin
 2003 Dr. Rebecca Martin Nagy
 2004 Richard Rogers
 2005 Richard Beene
 2006 Julie Turner Davis
 2007 Al Burke
 2008 Laura Brooks Rice
 2011 James Blanchard

College of Science and Mathematics

1988 John R. Roach
 1989 Hugh E. Darley, Jr.
 1990 Kenneth Talley, Jr.
 1991 Terry Miller
 1992 Cliff Kennedy
 1993 Robert C. "Bob" Sills
 1994 Award Not Presented
 1995 Award Not Presented
 1996 Dr. Karl Peace
 1997 Dr. Richard C. Starr
 1998 Dr. James H. Oliver
 1999 Dr. Arthur Sparks
 2000 Hugh E. Darley, Jr.
 2001 Thomas Troutman
 2002 Dr. Richard Osburn
 2003 Dr. Steffen Rogers
 2004 Dr. Kara Martin
 2005 Dr. Stuart Rudikoff
 2006 Stephen F. Gay
 2007 James Becton, MD
 2008 Thomas Hopkins, Jr.
 2011 Chris Hobson

Department of Biology

1997 Dr. James L. Becton
 1998 Dr. Linda R. Adkison
 1999 Dr. Steffen H. Rogers
 2000 Dr. Wayne Krissinger

2001 Dr. Ellen Marie Dotson
 2002 Dr. Daniel V. Hagan
 2003 Dr. Gilberto Severino
 2004 Dr. Dawn S. Wilson
 2005 Dr. Anton Tucker
 2006 Dr. Mary M. Bennett
 2007 Dr. Charlene Jackson
 2008 Dr. Guy Foulkes
 2011 Dr. Julie Lockwood

Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology

2004 Buddy Lichty
 2005 Darren Bridges
 2006 Cindy B. Tierny
 2007 Matthew Janofsky
 2008 Col. Barry Hensley
 2011 Lee Huggins

The President's Medal

2005 Dr. Karl Peace
 2007 Dr. Eugene Bishop
 2007 Dr. Michael Braz
 2008 Terry Coleman
 2009 Jack Hill
 2012 Bob Lane