

Familiar Faces

The crowd that attended the banquet was the largest ever for the nearly two-decades-old event. A virtual potpourri of people was on hand for the event.

At right: Larry Leon Hamlin introduces the winners of the Curator of the Arts awards. The awards go to individuals who play major roles in keeping the arts strong in the city.

Below: Dan Blue addresses the crowd. Blue is trying to become the first African-American senator from North Carolina. He faces three other Democrats in the process.

Below right: Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke, a former Chronicle Lifetime Achievement winner and Woman of the Year, brings greetings from the city.

Bottom, left: Nigel Alston, who served as chairperson for this year's awards committee, sits beside his wife, Sarah, at the ceremony.

Bottom, right: Jeannette Lewis and Lena Crowder show off their shimmering outfits.

