



Emcees Tolly Carr and Judge Denise Hartsfield.



D Wylie with Mayor Allen Jaines and Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke.



State Rep. Earline Parmon with Keith Grandberry and Mercedes Miller.



Miss Ebony Fashion Fair Reynita McMillan with Velma Friende.

Awards

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State University Provost Dr. Pedro Martinez, and Karen McNeil Miller, president and CEO of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

The Faith-Based Innovators of the Year Awards went to Goler Memorial AME Zion Church pastor, Dr. Seth O. Lartey, the Rev. Sheldon McCarter of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church; the Rev. Kelly Carpenter of Green Street United Methodist Church and the Rev. Dr. John Mendez of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The Grassroots Organization of the Year Award went to the A. H. Anderson High School Alumni Association Class of 1967 for initiating the annual Big Four celebration that helps to preserve a legacy of the county's historically black high schools.

The Community Leaders of the Year were Dell's Donna Oldham, and community volunteers Claudette Weston and Ciat Shabazz. Hobart Jones claimed the Volunteerism Award.

Tom Trollinger, president/CEO Contract Office Furnishings, took home the Small Business of the Year Award. Vivian V. Joiner and Stephanie Tyson, owners of Sweet Potatoes, were awardees in this area as well. The Corporation of the Year Award went to the Pepsi Bottling Group and Dell. The Executives of the Year Award went to Dell's Travis Simpson, auto dealer Don Flow and Wachovia's Paula Robinson.

Florence Corpening, president and CEO of the YWCA, accepted the Non-Profit Leader of the Year Award. Joycelyn Johnson accepted the Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award on behalf of the YWCA of Winston-Salem. Other awardees in this category were Experiment in Self-Reliance's Twana Wellman, and James Gore, manager of One Economy Corp.

In the cultural arts area, Larry Leon Hamlin, founder and artistic director of the National Black Repertory Company, received special recognition. His mother Anne Johnson accepted the award on his behalf. Cheryl Harry, who runs Special Eventz, received the Cultural Arts Pacesetter of the Year Award. Andrew Rodgers, executive director of the RiverRun International Film Festival, was also awarded in the category.

Several youth participated during the evening. Jordan Silverthorne, 10, and Krystal Cooper, 11, of Positive Image Performing Arts, under the direction of Courtney Taylor, danced. The Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church Praise Team sang. Also, Velma H. Friende, president of the Urban League Guild, introduced remarks from Darren Roseboro of the Youth Leadership Institute and Ms. Ebony Fashion Fair Reynita McMillan. Curtis Henry, Urban League Young Professional, discussed the role of the league in the development of small businesses. Marty Komegay thanked the league for supporting his business, TriTek & Associates.



Dancers Jordan Silverthorne with instructor Courtney Taylor and fellow dancer Krystal Cooper.

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