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## Leaders honor parents at banquet

27 receive awards at 33rd annual event

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The Chronicle honored 27 individuals, businesses and groups who've made a difference with its 33rd Annual Community Service Awards Banquet held at The Benton on Saturday, March 24.

"Today we celebrate those men and those women who are leaders in our community, who put their lives, their time, their bodies, their money on the line day after day after day to provide a quality service to the people in this community and to make sure this community is a great place to live and relax," said Chronicle Publisher James Taylor Jr. before more than 500 people.

Z. Smith Reynolds (ZSR) Foundation Executive Director Maurice "Mo" Green and former Reynolds American Vice President Lisa Caldwell were named Man



Hundreds came out to see award winners be honored at The Chronicle's 33rd Annual Community Service Awards Banquet held at The Benton on Saturday, March 24.

and Woman of the Year. Green is the former superintendent of Guilford

County Schools and current director of ZSR, a family foundation that has

invested more than \$553 million in the state in the last 80 years. When he

became executive director in March 2016, he conducted a yearlong strategic

assessment, which included a "Mo Wants to Know" listening tour.

A year later, for the first time in ZSR history, the organization put its core values in writing. They include fairness, justice, dignity, equity, integrity, collaboration and excellence.

"You've honored me and showed me how blessed and favored I am to be a part of an organization that has those notions, that has those core values," said Green.

Green said the Man of the Year award was an inspiration, especially since it was presented to him on a day that just happened to be his 51st birthday. He talked about how he was blessed and highly favored, not challenged in his career, and praised his mother.

"My mother is the most amazing person you will ever meet. I am blessed to be her son," he said.

He also said the honor on his birthday inspired him to show appreciation for his wife.

Caldwell recently

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## Award winners vary in service to community

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Except for the Man and Woman of the Year, here are synopses of the individuals, businesses and groups honored at The Chronicle's 33rd Annual Community Service Awards Banquet held at The Benton on Saturday, March 24.

### Organization of the Year The ACEY Group

The ACEY Group, part of the Winston-Salem Foundation's Womens Fund, is dedicated to helping girls and women throughout the Forsyth County community through various projects. On April 28, for instance, the group will sponsor a cross-generational discussion among women.

ACEY is an acronym that represents the group's goals, which are achievement in the education of woman and girls about the power of philanthropy; commitment to connect with women and girls in the community; encourage self-esteem and empowerment of women and girls; and yield women and leaders and philanthropists.

The group, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, assists girls

with transitioning from foster care to adulthood and hosts many workshops to empower women and girls.

The ACEY Group also provides scholarships and is always looking for more women to help propel its mission into the community for the betterment of girls and women.

### Community Service Dr. Amy McMichael

Dr. Amy McMichael is a renowned dermatologist in the Triad area. She is affiliated with multiple hospitals, including Wake Forest Baptist Health, Lexington Medical Center and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

She received her medical degree from Perelman School Of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Her clinical specialty is skin of color and hair disorders.

She is a general dermatologist, which means she sees everything from head to toe. Her passion is pigimentary issues, patients with skin of color that have concerns with skin disease and how to approach it, hair loss and overgrowth of hair.

Her patient care philosophy is to educate, to care and to allow the patients to understand what all of their options are. She feels the social and cultural aspects are as important as the



medical part. She says it's the cultural part that changes for each patient, so her philosophy is to treat the entire person and sometimes the family in getting them better in that way.

### Young Professional Ashley Hardesty

Ashley Hardesty is a 28-year-old native of Winston-Salem and one of the city's brightest young stars. She graduated from N.C. State University in 2013 with a degree in fashion textile management

and brand management. Following graduation, she continued in her parents' footsteps and became co-owner of Forsyth Seafood Market and Cafe.

In 2015, she became a

certified nutritional coach. She is the founder and curator of the Table Experience, a farm-to-table dinner party company specializing in organic meals and nutritional education held at unique venues across the Triad.

Hardesty is currently furthering her knowledge in food by attending Johnson and Wales University, pursuing a degree in culinary arts, and will graduate this May. She is also a diligent Christ follower and hopes to continue to serve people

through health, wellness and education of healing through whole foods.

### Business of the year Body and Soul

Part boutique, part gallery, part bookshop, Body and Soul remains a cultural hub in the arts district of downtown Winston-Salem. Founded in 2002 by Dana and Michael Suggs, Body And Soul celebrates African-American culture.

Dana Suggs, a Jamaica, Queens, New York native, came to the Triad area 24 years ago. Ten years later, New York almost called her back home, but was convinced to stay following a visit to a then newly opened Sweet Potatoes restaurant. Dana was so inspired by the diversity she saw, she decided to stay and start Body and Soul.

The shop offers items not found most other places, from Nubian heritage skincare products, clothes and jewelry. The store also has several books and a beautiful display of African-American culture through sculptures and paintings in the art gallery.

### Lifetime Achievement Anita "Boss Lady" Dean Arnette

Anita "Boss Lady" Dean Arnette is the voice of gospel radio in the Triad. She began her radio career at WPEG in Winston-Salem as the first female announcer in the market. She was given the name Boss Lady by local DJ Prince Ike.

Boss Lady has worked at numerous stations throughout the area. In 2000 she was employed by Truth Broadcasting for sales and promotions on AM 1340/1400 The Light. She was soon back behind the mic for Sunday morning praise, which became one of the station's most popular shows.

Now her loyal fans tune in Monday through Friday from noon to 3 p.m. to hear her midday gospel praise show, which debuted in 2013.

Her weekly words of praise and encouragement blesses her listeners. She has also received countless awards over the years as well.

### Youth of the Year Camden Myers

Camden, affectionately called "Cam," suffers from a traumatic brain injury.

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## Forsyth County asked to 'Ban the Box'

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A local group has asked Forsyth County to join the Ban the Box fair chance hiring movement by removing its question on prior convictions from job applications.

Commissioners received letters with the request from members of All God's

Children Ministry, which is comprised of about 100 people from various churches, non-profits and civic organizations. The group wants the county to set an example for giving second chances to those who've served their time. This includes not asking about criminal convictions up front and instead simply relying on a background check after the person's qualifications

have been considered.

During a March 22 briefing, County Human Resources Manager Shontell Robinson said that numerous other local governments have already done this. This includes the cities of Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham and Charlotte as well as the counties of



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