Brother William R. (Billy) Hickman, Jr. OK 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 (OK 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.
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, Ph.D., ('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. Visit: [www.georgiasouthern.edu](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu).

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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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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
1998 Dr. Jack N. Averitt
Thomas A. Curry Jr. - Private Enterprise
Steve Kennedy - Young Alumnus
1999 The Honorable Jack Hill
Martin Nesmith
Jay Harris
Dan Parrish Jr.
1999 Friendship Award
2000 Dr. James Oliver
Mike Cummings
Deryl Belser
Young Alumnus
2001 Dan T. Cathy
Angelia Aaron
Max Manack
2002 Archie Nesmith
Chris Ingram
Dr. Karl E. Peace
2003 Michael Curry
Steve Melton
2004 William A. Freeman
2005 James W. Kennedy
Lea Anne McBride
2006 Hala Moddelmog
Marshal Mize
2007 Tracy Ham
2008 Dr. Barbara Christmas
2009 Leslie Smith
2010 Dennette Thornton
2011 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
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 Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
1996 Dr. Richard Skinner
1997 Dr. Lee R. Berger
1998 Dr. Perry W. Buffington
1999 Jennifer Abshire
2000 Hala Moddelmog
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

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 Engineering and Information Technology
1996 Dr. Richard Skinner
2000 Buddy Lichte
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

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 Foukes
2011 Dr. Julie Lockwood

Allen E. Paulson College
2004 Buddy Lichte
2005 Darren Bridges
2006 Cindy B. Tierny
2007 Matthew Janofsky
2008 Col. Barry Hensley
2011 Lee Huggins

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