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Congratulations to the GPP Class of 2019!





Join us in celebrating some of the graduating seniors from across Georgia who proudly completed their GPP experience. We can't wait to see where their college and careers take them!



GPP graduates Adrian
Snyder and Brandon
McMillan are pictured
with GPP Regional
Coordinators Devaki
Gordon and Marvin
Stafford at Metter High
School Honors Night.
Adrian works at
Excelsior EMC, while
Brandon works at
Candler County
Hospital. These
graduates are the first in

GPP's new partnership in



Jefferson High School
graduate Timothy
Ransom receives GPP
certificate and honors
cord from GPP Regional
Coordinator (and
Jefferson native!) Hilda
Garrison. Timothy worked
at Buhler Quality Yarns
in Jefferson.



Michael Barry, center, is all smiles as Stephanie Whitehead, GPP Site Coordinator at Caterpillar of Athens and GPP Regional Coordinator Hilda Garrison look on. Michael graduated from East Jackson High School in Jackson County. He was honored as East

Jackson's Work-Based

Learning Student of the Year and signed a letter of intent with Caterpillar to work there full-time.



Students left to right: (Back Row) Santos Parra, Thomas Gilliam, Eathan Mitchell, Kaiheem Stewart, Jed Groover, Brooklyn Whittington, Justin Harris, Jukermin Skipper, Brianna Stephenson, and Hailey Noland.

Shaw Industries hosted a Graduation Celebration for students from Cass and Woodland High Schools in Bartow County. They worked at Shaw Plants 12,13 and 15. Cracker Barrel catered the celebration breakfast, and Shaw presented the graduates with gift certificates and leather bound journals.



South Atlanta High
School is one of our
newest GPP partners.
Among the purple and
teal academic honors
pictured are GPP cords
and certificates for five
GPP students who
worked at the brand new
United Parcel Service
(UPS) SMART

(Southeast Metro Area Routing Terminal) Hub. Work-Based Learning teacher Thomas Dunn ensured success of this newest GPP partnership.



GPP honoree David Richard, center, shares a proud moment with his Carrier-Transicold supervisor Cedrick Richardson and mentor Lillian Wright. A Clarke Central High School student. David has been with GPP as an employee at Carrier Transicold for three years. His job was a huge blessing to him and his family as they survived Hurricane Harvey and were evacuated to Athens after their home was destroyed.



Watch out, world! **Monroe County Schools** GPP graduates are ready for college and careers with guidance from

Work-Based Learning Coordinator Marcy Sanders! These students from Forsyth were all stars, working at the **Georgia Department of Corrections**, **Tift Campus**.

GPP Cornerstone Communities Honored at GMA Annual Conference

Five stellar communities were honored by Great Promise Partnership at the Annual Convention of the **Georgia Municipal Association** (GMA) on June 24, 2019:

Platinum

5 or More Employers 50 or more students

Douglas/Coffee County



Gold

4 or More Employers 25 or More Workers

Athens-Clarke County



Swainsboro/ Emanuel County



Silver

3 or More Employers 20 or More Students

Blairsville/Union County



Bronze

2 or More Employers10 or More Students Employed

Cartersville/Bartow County





Cornerstone Communities exemplify four key components of an exceptional partnership:

Active business involvement including student worksites

Full partnership with area high schools, including Work-Based Learning and life skills training for every student

Government support and employment of GPP students

Community engagement with students that may include fundraising and facilitation of other opportunities



"We are honored to recognize these five outstanding Cornerstone Communities for their commitment to and passion for young people," said GPP Executive Director Lori Heemann. "They have worked hard to ensure at-risk students graduate with skills and experience to succeed after high school. With GMA's leadership, we look forward to expanding our partnerships with more communities across Georgia."

Created in 1933, the

Georgia Municipal

Association is the only state organization that represents all 538 cities in Georgia. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative



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advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its members.



GPP Regional Coordinators Marvin Stafford and Devaki Gordon at the GMA 2019 CITIES UNITED: Lead to Succeed Conference.

GPP Cornerstone Community Awards Photo Gallery



Platinum honorees from <u>City of</u> <u>Douglas, Coffee</u> <u>County</u> pictured left to right: Phil



Best, GMA President, City Manager Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager Nia Smith, Commissioner Olivia Pearson, Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham, GPP Executive Director Lori Heemann



Gold awardee Athens-Clarke County
Organizational
Development
Administrator Catherine

Bennett, center, congratulated by GMA President Phil Best and GPP Executive Director Lori Heemann



City of Swainsboro, Emanuel County Gold Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South

Award presentation includes (left to right) GMA President Phil Best, Mayor Charles Schwabe, Council Member



Rita Falkner, City Administrator Al Lawson and GPP Executive Director Lori Heemann





City of Blairsville, Union

County honored (left to right) GMA President Phil Best, Council Member Robert Moore, City Clerk Kay McCann, Mayor Jim Conley, GPP Executive Director Lori Heemann

Not pictured: City of Cartersville, Bartow County, Bronze Award

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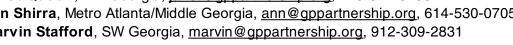
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