



# 2020 AWARDS PROGRAM

# Celebrating People, Parks & Programs

September 14, 2020  
Indigo Hall  
Spartanburg, SC

Welcome

Awards Presentation

Community Champion

State Merit

Legislator of the Year

Programming Excellence

Parks Excellence

Young Professional of the Year

Professional of the Year

### COMMUNITY CHAMPION

**Sammy Macy's** influence in the Lancaster Community spans across a 50 year period. Sammy began his coaching career with youth basketball at a local church league in 1980. Since that time, he has coached over 90 basketball teams. At times, he even coached up to five teams during a season. In 1984, he started coaching softball at Camp Clyburn, a part of the Moriah Baptist Association. He started out with the boys and then eventually coached the women's team. In 1996, Sammy began coaching soccer. This became his passion. No matter the age or talent, Sammy has always had way of bridging the gaps, treating everyone the same. "Every year, we can count on Sammy to call us to let us know that he was available to coach, anywhere we needed. Sammy has also been influential in the creation of several programs within the high school and local Moriah Association.



### COMMUNITY CHAMPION

**Mari Matamoros** joined the Gallery 120 board in 2017 and immediately became an integral part, taking on the role of the gallery curator. Mari manages collections of a works of art and is responsible for presenting and displaying artistic collections, and producing 10-12 exhibitions per year. Mari is a fearless advocate who is not afraid to use her voice and artistic talents to raise awareness of the importance the arts has within a community. She volunteers countless hours to the gallery. Mari's efforts have helped sustain and develop an already beautiful Clover community, giving it a unique identity and showing its sense of pride, making the Town of Clover more inviting for all to enjoy. Gallery 120 exhibits artwork created by artists who are professional and whose works are exceptional in skill and presentation. The gallery also showcases artwork crafted by students in our school district, from the elementary level through high school level, and works of emerging artists.





**PARKS EXCELLENCE < 30,000**

**Orangeburg Recreation Park**, the City of Orangeburg's new baseball complex, is the City's latest facility with nine fields divided into two clusters with two towers, four batting cages, 1.9 miles of paved walking trails, picnic areas, and abundant green space. Sitting on 90 acres of land, the City can host all of its baseball and softball recreational practices and play, Dixie district and state tournaments, high school and travel ball games and tournaments, and college softball play. Each tower contains restrooms, a concession stand, office, conference room, and press boxes for each field. A picnic area with ceiling fans and green space also contains a restroom along the walking trail. A playground will soon to be added to make this complex fully family and pet friendly.



**PARKS EXCELLENCE > 30,000**

**Berea Community Center** was originally a Blockbuster Video store until the company's demise earlier in the decade. Renewed with life and activity, the new community center ties the neighborhood together as a gathering place, fitness center, continuing-education classroom, and cultural affairs hub. The center includes a large multi-purpose activity room, two smaller breakout rooms, a warming kitchen, ADA accessible restrooms, and a large outdoor patio and open space. It is equipped with Wi-Fi internet, a wall projector, and TVs to serve the technical needs of the community center.



**PROGRAMMING EXCELLENCE < 30,000**

This year's **Loris Christmas Program** was a much larger Program than the city had ever experienced before with 30,000 feet of Christmas lights, a "12 days of Christmas" display on Main Street, mailboxes to send letters to Santa, reindeer photo boards, a speaker system installed throughout the city to play Christmas music, a 25-foot-tall Christmas Tree, the City Mayor in a tractor covered in Christmas lights, and Santa Claus in a firetruck. For a town with less than 3,000 people, the Christmas Program turned out to be the highlight of the year for much of the community. The members of the community came together to help with this project in ways that our department could not have imagined.



**PROGRAMMING EXCELLENCE > 30,000**

**The Back to School Bash**, hosted at the Springdale Recreation Center, a part of the Lancaster County Parks and Recreation, primarily serves the inner city population of the City of Lancaster. We washed the feet of the kids there, provided new socks and new shoes to around 800 kids, provided new school supplies to around 1100 kids, offered free haircuts from local stylists, did crafts with kids, distributed free books from the Lancaster County library, fed hot dogs, chips, and drinks to around 2000 kids and family members, and had many different community partners located inside and in our parking lot helping support our local families. It's just the right thing to do!



**Congratulations**  
To all of our 2020 Award Winners

We hope you will enjoyed this year's conference and we look forward to seeing you next year for the **Carolina's Joint Conference** in North Carolina.

2020 Awards & Citations Committee

- Kristie Oliver, Chair
- Samantha Vititoe, Vice Chair
- Jordan O'Keefe – Central District
- Tim Van Pelt – Eastern District
- Laurie Yarborough – Southern District
- LaQuan Priest – Western District



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### Professional of the Year Recipients 1978 - 2018

1978 Frank Beckham  
 1979 P.K. Fuller  
 1980 Sim Wright  
 1981 Nola Spain  
 1981 Harmon Baldwin  
 1982 Herbert Brantley  
 1983 Russell Hart  
 1984 Larry Gahan  
 1985 Steven Gantt  
 1986 Paul B. Ellis, III  
 1987 Bob Brooks  
 1988 Ron Carter  
 1989 Debbie Wall  
 1990 Jack Disher  
 1991 Phil Powell  
 1992 Buster Smith  
 1993 Billy Westmoreland  
 1994 Tim Eubanks  
 1995 Angela Prosser  
 1996 Gary Stuber  
 1997 Ed Thompson  
 1998 Terry Rhinehart  
 1999 Elizabeth Taylor  
 2000 H. Glenn Parker  
 2001 Paul Wieters  
 2002 Linda Chinnis  
 2003 Jeff Caton  
 2004 John Taylor  
 2005 Kevin Walsh  
 2006 Joe Eason  
 2007 Cynthia Robinson  
 2008 Ted Summerford  
 2009 Tom O'Rourke  
 2010 Ann Cunningham  
 2011 Ronnie Kinnett  
 2012 Nancy Callahan  
 2013 Philip Macchia  
 2014 Cheryl Heisleman  
 2015 Mark Sexton  
 2016 Don Shuman  
 2017 David Bennett  
 2018 Jan Cox  
 2019 Joe Ross

### Young Professional of the Year Recipients 1984 - 2018

1984 Gordon Hamilton  
 1985 Nancy Shealy  
 1986 Phil Powell  
 1987 Ronnie Miles  
 1988 Gary Stuber  
 1989 Terry Rhinehart  
 1990 Angela Prosser  
 1991 Paul Wieters  
 1992 John Taylor  
 1993 David Bennett  
 1994 Gary Mixon  
 1996 Susie Goudy  
 2001 Phil Macchia  
 2002 Mark Sexton  
 2003 Lisa Stasiak  
 2004 Frank Stefan  
 2005 Randy Woodard  
 2006 John Cribb  
 2008 TJ Rostin  
 2009 Jeff Metz  
 2010 Brian Wofford  
 2011 Will Rishovd  
 2012 Jessica Campbell  
 2014 Eric Stewart  
 2015 Ashley Smith  
 2016 Doyle Best  
 2017 Colin Young  
 2018 Dustin Jordan  
 2019 Josh Blackstone

### Robert L. Reid Lifetime Achievement & Hall of Fame Award Recipients 1976-2018

1976 Danny Jones  
 1977 Herman Lange  
 1984 Carl Hust  
 Sim Wrigh,  
 Harmon Baldwin  
 1985 Billy Jeffers  
 1986 Lou Gayle  
 1987 Mary Hinson  
 1988 Nola Spain  
 1993 Matt Goyak, Sr  
 1995 Robert L. Reid  
 1996 P.K. Fuller  
 1999 Mike Bailey  
 Paul Ellis, III  
 2000 Buddy Jennings  
 2001 Lynn Manera  
 Mary Burr  
 Bettie Higgins  
 Tim Eubanks  
 2002 Frank Burch  
 2003 Beverly Brandes  
 2005 Elizabeth Dunlap-  
 Rhea  
 2009 Gene Smith  
 Ted Lindsey  
 2010 Jimmie Walters  
 2011 Ed Thompson  
 Bob Brooks  
 2012 Phillip Powell  
 2013 Gary McJunkin  
 2014 Buster Smith  
 2015 Jeff Caton  
 2016 Doug Echols  
 2018 Joe Eason  
 2019 John Taylor

### Agency Winners past 2 years

2018 Parks Excellence  
 <30k City of Newberry  
 Oakland Park Tennis  
 >30k Greenville County  
 Mesa Soccer  
 Complex  
 2018 Programming Excellence  
 <30k City of Dillon Holiday  
 Goodness  
 >30k Irmo Chapin  
 Recreation  
 Commission Summer  
 Adventure Squad  
 2019 Parks Excellence  
 >30k Aiken's Eustis Park  
 2019 Programming Excellence  
 <30k Orangeburg Festival  
 of Roses  
 >30k Rock Hill Merry  
 Mosaics