

The Year of the Entrepreneur and Partnerships is a theme worthy of repetition and recognition.

“I started these award celebrations to simply acknowledge and congratulate local and small business men and women entrepreneurs who are trendsetters in their own right,” shared Founder and Executive Director Creed W. Pannell, Jr. “Planning to work the plan you create, is merely a good idea; working the plan to work for yourself – makes you an entrepreneur.”

GMBA will honor the following individuals:

JOHN LU INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD - Joseph Hsaoi, President & CEO of H Restaurant Group and the Flying Biscuit

2. **ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Maria Driver, CEO of the Ozone International Pet Expo

3. **CEO OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Rick Ross, CEO Wingstop Franchise

4. **CREATOR OF TECHNOLOGY DIGITAL PLATFORM OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Farah Allen, CEO and Founder of The Labz

GEORGIA LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD - ~~7KHKRQDESDUN&DQRIWKHWK~~
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Lifetime Achievement AWARD - Hyoung Gwen Park, CEO of BeautyMaster and the BeautyMaster Scholarship Foundation

7. **HERITAGE AWARD** - ~~LOGDEERWW)RQHU&(2RI5KLO&RPSDQHV~~

YOUTH IN TECHNOLOGY OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR ROBOTIC TECHNOLOGY - William Hicks, Educator at Tucker High School in Tucker, GA

9. **HOME BUILDER OF THE YEAR AWARD** - ~~6HDSHQHU&(2)RQHURPHKOGHUDQ~~
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COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD - The Honorable Khajah Abdur Rahman, Fulton County Commissioner

11. **ECONOMIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Maceo Rogers, Economic Director for the City of East Point

12. **CORPORATE DIVERSITY OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Johnny Brown, Corporate Personal Finance Manager Kroger Corporation (Atlanta stores)

About the Georgia Minority Business Awards:

The Georgia Minority Business Awards is mandated to evolve and effect change to sustain and propel the vision in this 21st century. The awards sponsoring magazine, the Atlanta Business Journal and ABJ Digital are proud to serve as a catalyst for a new generation of business owners which notably serve as a valuable trend indicator in “Building Cultural and Global Relationships.”

We embrace diversity, overcome cultural obstacles and continue to build global relationships. The amalgamation of minds forms partnerships thus creating common ground for success and achievement.

The names, Atlanta Business Journal and Georgia Minority Business Awards reflects our dedication to help generate awareness about the positive changes and the collective successes of the multi-cultural communities and we look forward to continuing to share and recognize those collective successes for years to come.

GMBA Dinner

Date: March 16, 2023

Time: 6:00

**Location: Georgia International Convention Center (GICC)
2000 Convention Center Concourse, Atlanta, GA 30337**

For tickets, please visit

<http://gaminoritybusinessawards.com/>