2017 VCIC AWARDS

These honors are presented to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to the promotion of respect and understanding among people of diverse racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

WHO: Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities
WHAT: 55th Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner
WHEN: Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street

Susan W. Adolf
Humanitarian Award
- Co-Owner, Vice President, and Secretary (Retired), Savoir Shoes, Inc.
-Clifford Member, Impact 100
- Vice-President, Weinstein JCC Board of Directors

William A. Harrison, Jr.
Humanitarian Award
- President and Executive Director, Diversity Richmond
-Past Board of Directors, Virginia ACLU
-Co-Chair, Richmond’s first pride festival (1978)

Brian K. Blount
Humanitarian Award
- President and Professor of New Testament, Union Presbyterian Seminary
- Vice-President, Association of Theological Schools
-Author: "Classical Interpretation: Reorienting New Testament Criticism"

Gail L. Letts
Humanitarian Award
- Virginia Market President, First Tennessee Bank
-Secretary, Virginia BioTechnology Research Park Board of Directors
-Board of Directors, Richmond World Affairs Council

E. Ayn Welleford
Humanitarian Award
- Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Gerontology, School of Allied Health Professions, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Advisory Board, Senior Center of Greater Richmond
-Co-lead and Managing Partner, Greater Richmond Age Wares Collaborative

ART 180
Distinguished Mentor Award
ART 180 builds community. It brings people together who not only naturally interact, and it encourages them to communicate—through their art, and through conversation. Founded in 1988, ART 180’s mission is to give young people in challenging circumstances the chance to express themselves through art, and to share their stories with others. Targeting the most vulnerable youth, ART 180 uses art as a means for positive youth development, building resilience and linking individual growth with the emergence of social responsibility.

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ABOUT THE VIRGINIA CENTER FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES
The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success by addressing prejudices, in all forms, in order to improve academic achievement, increase workforce productivity, and enhance local trust. Through workshops, retreats, and customized programs that raise knowledge, motivation, and skills, VCIC develops leaders who work together to achieve success throughout the Commonwealth.

Achieving Success Through Inclusion

Results by the Numbers

- 700% Increase in the number of programs delivered by VCIC annually over ten years
- 22,000+ Number of people reached by VCIC in FY17
- 74% Decrease in discipline referrals one middle school saw within a 1-year period after educators and administrators were trained by VCIC.

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