

GEORGIA GERONTOLOGY SOCIETY

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

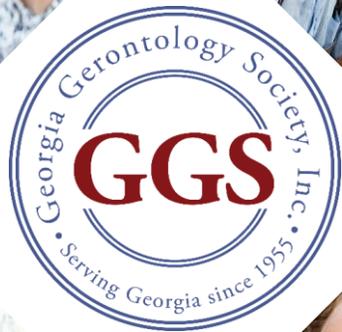


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About the Georgia Gerontology Society

– Mission –

The Georgia Gerontology Society (GGS) is a statewide multidisciplinary professional network that educates, serves and advocates for older adults and their families.

– Vision –

By 2020, GGS will be the principal network of educators, professionals, and businesses that serve older adults in Georgia.

– About –

Since 1955, GGS has been a tradition for professionals in aging as a membership organization of people with a common interest in the field of aging. GGS is the largest state organization of multidisciplinary professionals in the field of aging.

- Through collaborations, GGS gives voice and guidance to aging issues at the state and national level.
- By providing quality education and training opportunities, GGS enhances professional and personal development.
- GGS supports students pursuing careers in gerontology through networking, mentoring, and scholarships.

– Board of Directors –

The Georgia Gerontology Society has a Board of Directors which directs the business of the organization. The GGS Board of Directors are elected by the membership and comprises the officers, past president, sections and chapter representatives (if applicable), and members at large.

Members of the Society may form regional chapters and/or special interest sections as needed.

2018: A Year in Review

Over the past year, your Society and Board have continued progress on the Strategic Plan Objectives developed from the suggestions of the Action Planning Sessions conducted since 2015.

Membership

We continue to review potential benefits for our membership. This year, we rolled out the Mentorship Program. The goal of the GGS Mentor Program is to provide new professionals (or students) in aging a means to get "plugged in" to the aging network. Mentors serve as a sounding board, resource and a friendly face at GGS events.

A networking event was held at Delmar Gardens in Gwinnett County. These events provide opportunities for members to network with one another and for other aging professionals to learn more about GGS.

Strategic Plan Objective: Improve retention rate by 10% (3- year goal).

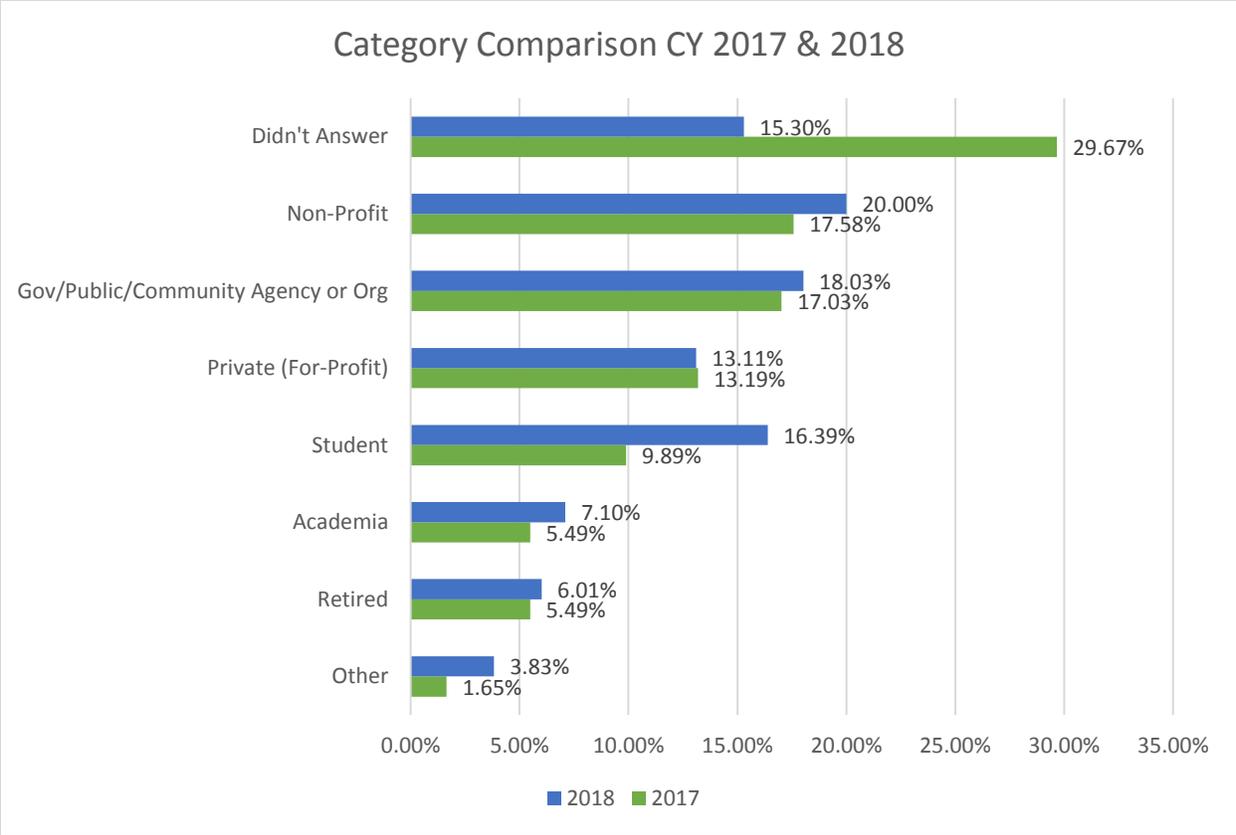
Our baseline of 65% retention was from CY 2016. In calendar year (CY) 2017, 69% of members were retained. In CY 2018, 74% of members were retained. This includes members that left but came back as well as members who moved from a general membership to under an organizational membership.

Strategic Plan Objective: Increase membership by 10% (3-year goal).

In CY 2017, we began calculating the number of people served under organizational memberships; therefore, it is more appropriate to use the CY 2017 data as the baseline. In 2017, we had 182 members representing 253 individuals. In CY 2018, we had 183 members representing 272 individuals which is a 7.5% increase.

Strategic Plan Objective: Increase membership of targeted populations by 10% (3-year goal).

Based on a membership survey conducted in 2017, the GGS Membership Committee chose academic and private sector memberships as targeted areas for growth. Calendar Year 2017 was the first year this information was available. Below is a comparison of CY 2017 and CY 2018. Memberships identifying as academia has risen slightly (1.61%). Private (for-profit) dropped slightly (0.08%). Our biggest area of growth has been students. This is likely due to the new requirement for students to be members in order to apply for GGS scholarships.



Education & Training

Our Annual Conference was held in conjunction with the Southern Gerontological Society (SGS). Several goals related to the Annual Conference were not measured due to the Joint Conference with SGS. These will be revisited in 2019. The 2018 Annual Conference served as the 63rd Annual Conference for the Georgia Gerontology Society. The theme of the conference was *Moving Forward Together: Linking Research, Policy, and Practice* and was held at Legacy Lodge Resort and Conference Center in Lanier Islands in Buford, Georgia. Three hundred thirty-five people attended the conference with 291 full registrations and 44 daily registrations. GGS added the opportunity for Nursing CEUs in addition to the standard offerings for Social Work and Certified Case Managers.

The conference provided an opportunity to break down silos and reach across boundaries to figure out how to move forward together to advocate for the policy, research, and practice that promotes high quality of life for our members and the older adults they serve in the following ways:

- This theme was used to drive session creation. The goal was to ensure that researchers, practitioners, policy advocates, and older adult consumers could create linkages in terms of networks, sharing ideas and moving forward an agenda to contribute to older adult quality of life and reduce inequalities.

- The conference was organized into eight tracks. There was intentional overlap between tracks so that those who normally remain in silos have the opportunity to hear a multitude of perspectives on any given issue.
- Mini workshops were offered to provide a wellness break.
- Older adults were invited to participate in a luncheon to discuss how the field of aging can help build a better understanding of aging and ageism and create public support for the actions necessary to create a more age-integrated society.
- We focused on promoting networking between the organizations in more formal ways with a joint awards luncheon and a networking lounge with the poster sessions. The goal was to build lasting linkages between the two societies so that each can benefit from the strengths of the other and reengage when meetings are geographically closer to either group of attendees.

A special thank you to our sponsors:

- ❖ Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute
- ❖ Riverside Center for Excellence in Aging and Lifelong Health
- ❖ AARP Georgia
- ❖ ComForCare
- ❖ Rosalynn Carter Institute
- ❖ RelyFy Corp
- ❖ The Holbrook
- ❖ Virginia Center on Aging
- ❖ SAGE Publications
- ❖ Golden Gourmet, LLC
- ❖ Alliant Quality
- ❖ American Therapeutic Recreation Association
- ❖ Georgia Council on Aging
- ❖ Mom's Meals
- ❖ Nourishcare
- ❖ Music and Memory
- ❖ Project Independence, GA Vision.

GGs and SGS also partnered with the Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute to include the Barbara Pittard Payne Lectureship in Gerontology in conjunction with the Annual Conference. The keynote speaker was Dr. Tamara Baker who presented, *If we are all created equally, then why am I treated differently? Conceptualizing diversity, disparities, and health determinants collectively.*

Strategic Plan Objective: Provide evidence-based training through webinars marketed to members and potential members.

The following webinars were provided:

Mental Health First Aid: A Program Overview – August 7, 2018
Tod Citron, Alliant Quality

The cost of behavioral health related conditions now exceeds \$200 billion in this country. These conditions are our nation's most expensive to treat surpassing both cardiac and cancer related diseases. Yet there remains quite a cloud of mystery surrounding mental illnesses and addictive diseases due to the negative stigma associated with these complex health issues. Mental Health First Aid is a training program that equips people with the skills to identify the signs and symptoms of an individual who may be in emotional distress and how to directly assist and then facilitate a referral for care.

Everyone with Diabetes Counts – October 9, 2018
Jeana Partington, Alliant Quality

Jeana Partington, Diabetes Task Manager for Alliant Quality, shared information about their free diabetes program - Everyone with Diabetes Counts. This program, funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, targets Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes who are most in need by offering free diabetes-self management workshops in the community. This webinar share information on how you can help bring this service to the seniors in your community for better health.

All GGS Webinars are recorded and available on the password protected GGS Member Page of the GGS website.

Advocacy

GGS continued to support the Georgia Council on Aging and CO-AGE (Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly) with their identified advocacy issues during the 2018 Legislative Session. The following summary of the 2018 Legislative Session was provided by the Georgia Council on Aging and can be found at <https://www.gcoa.org/news/2018sessionwrapup>.

Georgia Council Celebrates Legislative Wins for 2018

Expresses Disappointment in Lack of Funding for Senior Programs

Atlanta, GA (March 29, 2018) – The Georgia Council on Aging and CO-AGE (Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly) hailed the passage of several pieces of legislation that will help make Georgia's older adults and other vulnerable populations safer. In contrast the Council is disappointed in the lack new funding for Home and Community Based Services and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers in the budgets adopted by the General Assembly.

The Georgia Council on Aging had hoped that the legislature would approve new funding for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs.) While the lack of funding HCBS was surprising because of 12,000 people on the waiting list, the legislature's lack of support for the ADRCs was particularly disheartening. The grants that funded the 21 ADRCs in the state are expiring, and there will be no dedicated state funding. Without funding, phone calls will go

unanswered or returned, and more people will go into nursing homes. On the positive side, the Personal Needs Allowance for Medicaid nursing home residents did receive a small bump, up to \$65 per month from \$50 per month for all of their personal needs. Adult Day Health Care centers received a rate increase along with CCSP Alternative Living Services.

More good news is that Georgia's already strong protections for vulnerable adults will get even stronger. GCOA worked tirelessly for passage of three elder abuse bills. SB 406 is the latest in a series of measures that the state has adopted to ensure that Georgia's vulnerable populations are safe. It requires comprehensive FBI background checks and fingerprinting for direct care employees of nursing homes, personal care homes, assisted living communities, private home care providers and adult day care centers as recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform. It was supported by Governor Deal and was sponsored by Sen. Brian Strickland (R-McDonough.)

"CO-AGE identified the passage of a measure requiring tougher background checks and fingerprinting as one of its top priorities for 2018, so we were delighted that this important bill passed," said Vicki Johnson, chair of the Georgia Council on Aging. "Both the Council and CO-AGE have worked over the years to ensure that older adults, disabled persons and other vulnerable populations are safe and protected from exploitation. The passage of SB 406 is a great victory for Georgia's seniors."

HB 803, sponsored by Rep. Wendall Willard (R, North Fulton), prohibits trafficking of older or disabled persons. Trafficking targets vulnerable adults to gain access to their monthly benefits and perpetrate various types of abuse and fraud. The bill makes it illegal to move clients to different facilities to avoid detection by law enforcement and to take all of a client's financial resources for their own use.

According to GBI Director Vernon Keenan, Georgia has seen more than 3,000 people charged with elder abuse crimes since 2010. Georgia now has some of the nation's strongest laws to protect elderly and disabled adults. While elder abuse laws on the books already make it a felony to abuse or exploit vulnerable adults, we had no specific statute making it a crime to traffic older adults or disabled persons. This law gives investigators and district attorneys another tool to prosecute those who would mistreat disabled persons and older adults.

A third important piece of legislation is HB 635 which authorizes district attorneys in each judicial circuit to establish an Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team to coordinate investigations and responses to a suspected elder or disabled adult abuse, neglect or exploitation. These multi-agency teams will be able to work collaboratively to address elder abuse or neglect.

Transit governance and funding was a popular topic this year. The transit bill, HB 930, is a big win for all Georgians. GCOA successfully advocated with sponsors to allow senior transportation services access to transit funding.

Other legislative victories that will benefit Georgia seniors are

- an adjustment in the amount of nursing home resident's estate not subject to recovery under Medicaid,
- the creation of a Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Advisory Council.

GGG also supported the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM), the advocacy arm of the Alzheimer's Association, by sharing action alerts on federal Alzheimer's and dementia priorities being considered in Congress. AIM advances and develops policies to overcome Alzheimer's disease through increased investment in research, enhanced care and improved support. Thanks to the support of its members, AIM has driven policymakers to take historic steps to address the Alzheimer's crisis.

Work Force Development

The collaboration of the Georgia Department of Labor, Georgia Gerontology Society, and Georgia DHS Division of Aging Services to develop an Introduction to Aging Careers presentation for the Jobs for Georgia's Graduates program continued into 2018. The following summary of this project was provided by the GA Division of Aging Services in their July newsletter.

DAS, Partners Educate Teens

Which career field is surging to meet population demand and offers opportunities for people at nearly every level of education? The answer is aging, and professionals are reaching out to ever-younger audiences to build tomorrow's workforce. During the 2017-2018 school year, the Division of Aging Services (DAS) partnered with the Georgia Gerontology Society to help the Georgia Department of Labor educate teens about aging careers.

The two aging organizations provided support to the Department of Labor's Jobs for Georgia Graduates (JGG) program by mobilizing professionals to speak to JGG high school students about career options in aging services. The student groups learned about growth in the aging field; several vocational paths; and ways to prepare academically for administrative, direct care, research, and allied professions.

"I had the opportunity to attend one of the presentations and was amazed at the information that was shared on the various career opportunities in the field. It is extremely important that we expose our JGG students to careers and opportunities that they are not aware of in order to provide them with options," said Nedra Wakefield, project director for the Jobs for Georgia Graduates program. "We look forward to the continued partnership and exploring other opportunities that may expose our JGG students to careers in Aging."

JGG is a statewide school-to-work transition program launched by the Department of Labor in 1990. During the past year, more than a dozen high schools participated in JGG by enrolling promising students who faced potential vocational and/or personal barriers to employment. JGG students benefit from employability skills training; counseling; advisement; club activities; mentoring; college, job, or military placement; and follow-up services over an average five-year period.

The initiative has created budding relationships between aging organizations and high schools. "We learned how to improvise on the fly if needed, and used real life experiences, which seemed to further enlighten the students about aging careers," said Toni Williams of the Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging, who co-presented with her colleague, Betty Pendleton. "[We] also established a partnership with Newnan High School in which our wellness coordinator, a licensed dietitian, will also speak with the students in a nutrition class."

As presenters noted, the best way for teens to learn about aging professionals' daily experiences is to volunteer. While most Area Agencies on Aging have limited opportunities available to minors, teens can pursue service projects through vocational clubs, community youth groups, nursing homes and assisted living communities, and family volunteering programs.

Academic training for aging careers can take from one to several years, depending on a student's career interests. The Division of Aging Services' links list of gerontology degree programs and coursework, found at aging.ga.gov, features several Georgia colleges and universities that offer training to future aging services practitioners.

The three partners agree that the successful 2017-2018 project is a building block for more collaboration between aging professionals and schools. Together, the organizations will ensure that Georgia will be staffed and ready to shine one of the nation's best places to thrive for a lifetime.

GGG also partnered with the Thanks Mom & Dad Fund, LeadingAge Georgia, and the Atlanta Regional Commission to provide the 2nd Annual Direct Care Workforce Forum – Evolving Workforce: What's the Reality for the Aging Network? GGS plans to continue this partnership moving forward.

In the fall of 2017, the Georgia Gerontology Society released a request for proposals to address barriers to providing dementia training for direct care workers. In January 2018, three grants of \$2,500 were awarded to fund three projects. The grant period was from January 15, 2018 to May 30, 2018. The three grantees were:

- Coastal ConnectedCare, Inc.
- HomeTown Health, LLC
- RelyFy

A report summarizing the work completed by these projects can be found [here](#).

GGG had representation on several of the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (GARD) workgroups. GGS sponsored the printing of the *Dementia Competency Guide for Direct Care Workers* which can be found [here](#) and the Brain Health Flyer which can be found [here](#).

Visibility

GGG unveiled its new website design in 2018. The Visibility Action Planning Session was also conducted in 2018. These suggestions are being incorporated into the work of GGS.

Organizational Capacity and Board Development

The Organizational Capacity and Board Development Action Planning Sessions are being combined and will be conducted by the GGS Executive Committee in 2019.

Dementia Friendly Georgia Initiatives

GGG participated on the Dementia Friendly Georgia Strategy Group, a group of individuals interested in assisting Georgia communities with becoming more Dementia Friendly. Through funding from the GA Department of Human Services, GGS was able to award five grants to foster adoption of dementia friendly practices to:

- Alzheimer's Outreach Center, Albany, GA
- DeKalb County Government, Atlanta, GA
- Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Gainesville, GA
- Northwest Georgia Regional Commission AAA, Rome, GA
- Orchard Senior Living, Brookhaven, GA

The grant cycle ends on September 30, 2019. A report summarizing the findings of these projects will be developed in October 2019.

Additional Updates

- GGS continued to participate in Georgia's Older Adults Cabinet, a committee working to enhance the state's capacity to serve older adults. The Older Adults Cabinet seeks to identify ways for Georgia to improve the well-being of its older residents by bringing together state agency heads whose work supports older Georgians, as well as stakeholders in the business, philanthropic and education communities. Co-chaired by First Lady Sandra Deal and Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden, the Cabinet examines and assesses issues impacting older Georgians such as: healthcare, nutrition, transportation, housing, safety, abuse, neglect and exploitation, well-being, workforce development and economic security.
- GGS provided sponsorships for Georgia Southern University's Center for Social Gerontology Community Conference and the Culture Change Network of Georgia Summit: Person-Centered Palliative Care.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For Year Ended December 31, 2018

INCOME	
Annual Conference	\$10,570.25
Memberships	\$10,784.50
DHS Contract Activities	\$26,805.15
Scholarship Fund	\$1,397.75
Committees	\$480.30
Other Income	\$606.53
TOTAL INCOME:	\$50,644.48
EXPENSES	
Annual Conference	\$1,341.00
Payroll	\$19,995.00
Committees	\$3,477.17
Administrative	\$7,784.38
DHS Contract Activities	\$24,432.02
Scholarship Fund Payments	\$2,205.41
Other Expenses	\$1,529.59
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$60,764.57
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**	
Starting Balance:	\$333,152.22
Ending Balance:	\$307,163.84

**The Community Foundation is used exclusively for Student Scholarships. The Scholarship Fund is used for the registration and travels costs for Scholarship winners to attend the Annual Conference.

The GGS Finances for 2018 require additional explanation. The Southern Gerontological Society collected the majority of income for the Annual Conference and accepted responsibility for the majority of the costs. Therefore, the expenses for the Annual Conference only represent the items GGS purchased.

Additionally, the GGS Board voted to use \$10,000 in reserve funds for 2018 due to the uncertainty of a profit from the Annual Conference. Therefore, the deficit shown was anticipated

and appropriate plans were put in place. We also had reserved funds that carried over from the 2017 Dementia Summit and the 2017/2018 DHS contract. These funds were earmarked for GARD supported initiatives. \$146.87 of these funds were used in CY 2018. \$3165.15 additional reserve funds will be carried over into FY 2019.

The GGS Silent Auction raises money to support scholarship recipients. When more funds are raised than spent, those funds are held for future years. This year, we made less than we spent; however, we used \$807.66 of reserve scholarship funds.

GGG Awards

The Georgia Gerontology Society annually acknowledges the outstanding achievements of individuals in the field of Gerontology through the presentations of awards during its annual meeting and conference. The Georgia Gerontology Society established an early tradition of recognizing significant achievement and contributions to the field of aging. Since 1966, the Annual Meeting and Conference has included an Awards Ceremony as a particular highlight. During the first years, awards were given in a variety of categories - Individual, Professional, Distinguished Service, and area of service. With the passage of time, the number and type of awards have become more established. Several awards have been named for individuals who have been significant to the Georgia Gerontology Society and to gerontology in the state of Georgia - John Tyler Mauldin, Elsie Alvis, Louis Newmark, Robert P. Wray, Marietta Suhart, Dan Hickman, David Levine, and most recently, Kay Hind.

The **Elsie Alvis Award** (Formally the Professional Award) is given to the outstanding professional in gerontology with a minimum of 15 years of service. The Award was first given in 1970 as a Professional Award and was named in honor of Elsie Alvis in 1980. This designation honors an early GGS member who received the Individual Award in 1966, the first year Awards were made. She served as the Director of the Governor's Commission on Aging, later the State Commission on Aging, beginning in 1960. She served well past the age of 70 and directed statewide study to develop Georgia's Story of Her Aging, published as the official Georgia report to the 1961 White House Conference on Aging.

2018 Recipient: Carleton Coleman, DHS Division of Aging Services

The **John Tyler Mauldin Award** is given to an older individual in Georgia who exemplifies a positive role model of outstanding Achievement in the field of Aging. First given to Dr. Mauldin in 1967 as the First Annual Outstanding Achievement Award, it was named for the first recipient the next year. Dr. Mauldin, a prominent Atlanta surgeon and also an early GGS activist, was appointed in 1959 to Chair the newly established Governor's Commission on Aging, later the State Commission. He directed the planning of Georgia's participation in the 1961 White House Conference on Aging.

2018 Recipient: Vicki Johnson, Georgia Council on Aging

The **Louis Newmark Award** is presented to an individual providing at least 10 years of service to aging, with particular attention to the Georgia Gerontology Society. The Award was first given in 1982 to Louis Newmark, the Society's first President, in recognition for his nearly three decades of service to gerontology in Georgia and to the Society. Louis Newmark also won several GGS Awards for his social service and service to the Society and was the Society's historian for the first three decades of its existence. He was also a founder of the Georgia Conference on Social Welfare.

2018 Recipient: Michele Kelley, NEGA Regional Commission

The **Marietta Suhart Award**, established in 1993 shortly after Marietta's death, is given to the individual with demonstrated ability to educate para-professionals, professionals and other persons working with older adults; proven leadership and vision in gerontology by development/expansion of educational programs and services; and recognized ability to touch as

well as to teach learners. A long-time GGS Board member, hardworking committee member, and enthusiastic educator who fit the description of the Award established in her name, Marietta Suhart was the Gerontology Specialist with the University of Georgia Continuing Education program.

2018 Recipient: Brandi Hackett, Life's End Logistics, LLC

The **Dan Hickman Award** is presented to the person who has shown excellence in the profession of Care/Case Management and who exhibits leadership in the profession by providing exceptional direct services, training fellow Care Managers, and/ or advocating for improvements in care management. The Award was established in 1998 and first presented in 1999 in memory of Dan, who was the Community Care Services Program Manager with the Georgia Division of Aging Services. He helped to define case management as a profession in Georgia, and he exhibited great spirit, zest, and integrity in support of the profession.

2018 Recipient: Sue Burgess, Atlanta Regional Commission

The **David L. Levine Legislative Award**, established in 1993 as the Legislative Award, is given to the legislator who has sponsored or co-sponsored legislation that would improve the quality of life for older adults; has consistently supported aging issues; and has been willing to listen to the concerns of Georgia's elderly. This award has now been named to honor Dr. David L. Levine, who devoted his adult life advocating for those who could not advocate for themselves.

2018 Recipient: Senator Brian Strickland, District 17

The **Kay Hind Change Agent Award**, established in 2017, is awarded to an individual who is a driving force in creating change that improves the lives of older adults in Georgia. Kay Hind provided 49 years of exemplary service to Georgia's aging population. Her vision, persistence, patience, expertise, advocacy, and collaborations cemented the foundation for change in southwest Georgia and beyond.

2018 Recipient: Walter Coffey, WD International, LLC

Citations of Merit may also be chosen and presented, by the Awards Committee, to special individuals who deserve recognition because of achievement, service, exemplary living, and/or commitment to aging.

2018 Recipient: Heather Strickland, Georgia Bureau of Investigations

GGG Scholarships

The Georgia Gerontology Society provides scholarship opportunities to outstanding graduate and undergraduate students who are committed to pursuing a career in the field of aging.

Two scholarships are awarded each year. The Robert P. Wray Scholarship of \$2,000 is awarded to one undergraduate student, and the Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded to one graduate student to promote students' interest in age-related issues and to promote professional development in gerontology.

ROBERT P. WRAY UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Ruhee Patel
Emory University,
Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology

Ruhee would like to become a physician to help people improve their health and to form meaningful relationships with patients. She hopes to specialize in geriatrics medicine so she can keep working with those in aging populations who are struggling with health as they get older. She would ideally like to travel around the world and practice medicine in many different countries, as she is interested to see how focuses of geriatrics medicine vary among different cultures and ethnic groups.

VIRGINIA M. SMYTH SCHOLARSHIP



Kallol Kumar Bhattacharyya
Georgia State University,
Masters of Arts in Gerontology

Kallol is a medical doctor from India, working as a family physician for nearly two decades. He has chosen to study Gerontology, because he also believes in the strong ties between medicine and humanity. As a clinician, he was serving the poor in India with dedication, but coming towards the midpoint of his career, he realized that as just a clinician he could not make major changes in society. He wanted to have the education needed to reach beyond medical model treatments and give older adults a complete management that maximizes their life while living with dementia - with person-centered care that includes medical care but focuses on quality of life and well-being.

GGS introduced an Older Adult Scholarship in 2018. These scholarships aim to promote continued interest and involvement in aging-related issues across the lifespan.

OLDER ADULT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Arlene Fitts Winfrey



Rose Marie Fagan

GGS Board of Directors

Officers Ending 2018:

- President: Jennifer Beamer, Atlanta Regional Commission AAA
- Vice President: Jami Harper, SOWEGA AAA
- Secretary: Lisa Howard, Legacy Link AAA
- Treasurer: Babs Hall, Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services
- Immediate Past President: Eve Anthony, Athens Community Council on Aging

Board Members Term Ending 2018:

- Carol Rowe-Jones, Gwinnett County Health and Human Services
- Ginny Helms, Alzheimer's Association, GA Chapter/LeadingAge Georgia
- Jennie Deese, Wesley Woods
- Kim McRae, Have a Good Life
- MaryLea Boatwright Quinn, Alzheimer's Association, GA Chapter
- Melanie McNeil, Georgia State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Pat Baker, Gwinnett County Health and Human Services
- Scott Courson, Southern AAA
- Steve Neff, The Neff Group, LLC

Board Members Term Ending 2019:

- Jennifer Beamer, Atlanta Regional Commission AAA
- Kerstin Gerst Emerson, University of Georgia

- Kay Graham, Brenau University
- Jami Harper, SOWEGA Council on Aging
- Elizabeth Head, Department of Public Health
- Dionne Lovett, Coastal Regional Commission AAA
- Dr. Lois Ricci, Educator at Kennesaw State and Clayton State Universities, AARP rep
- Amy Riedesel vacated and replaced by Kim Johnson-Prince, Office of the Georgia State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Donald Strong, Quality In-Home Care, Inc.
- Ann Williams, Retired, LTCO and GCOA vacated and replaced by Belinda Meadows, Three Rivers Regional Commission AAA

Board Members Term Ending 2020:

- Jennifer Almond, Legacy Link AAA
- Dr. Jennifer Craft Morgan, Georgia State University
- Sandra Durban, Park Springs vacated and replaced by Jennifer Curry
- Landa Clay Gamble, Royal Adult Day Services
- Babs Hall, Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services
- Julia Hon-Pan vacated and replaced by Benaé Hogan, Middle Georgia Regional Commission AAA
- Lisa Howard, Legacy Link AAA
- Doug Lueder, Prosper Home Care
- Pam Thompson, Food Fitness First, Inc.
- Jocelyn Wise, Emory University, Fuqua Center for Late-Life Depression

Executive Director:

- Amanda James