



49th Human Relations Awards Banquet

ROARING 2020

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Friday
February 28, 2020

The Human Relations Commission invites all of Wilson to join us for the 49th Human Relations Awards Banquet to be held on Friday - February 28, 2020. The Commission has selected the focus of "Roaring 2020 – Vision for the Future". This theme has been adopted to celebrate a milestone in history while also keeping our focus on the future. For the volunteers in our community, we want to do the same, by celebrating their hard work in the community and focusing on the future of Wilson. We will be sharing the stories of amazing volunteers and organizations by giving them a pat on the back that they never asked for, but highly deserve. We are celebrating these amazing volunteers by sharing their stories and handing out a variety of awards. We invite you to join us.

The prestigious **Paul Lee Stevens Humanitarian Award** is the highest honor the Commission bestows. Mr. Stevens was a well-known humanitarian in the Wilson community for nearly a quarter of a century. The recipients are those that have given unselfishly to help those of the neediest in our community

Additional recognition will be given for the "Treasures of the Community" awards that include:

- **Youth on the Move Award** for a young citizen or group (K-12) for community involvement
- **Inspirational Volunteer Award** recognizing a volunteer that inspires other to participate
- **Community Initiative Award** given to an individual or group that initiated a new program that helped or improved the Wilson Community
- **Good Neighbor Award** bestowed upon an individual for their contributions to a local neighborhood
- **Community Spirit Award** for a group or organization that gives back to the community.

Awards Banquet & Celebration - This year's banquet will be held on Friday - February 28, 2020 in the Darden Alumni Center, 1600 Lipscomb Road. Doors will open at 6:00 pm, the program begins at 6:30 pm. Banquet attire is semi-formal or business. Tickets are \$15 per person and on sale at the Human Relations Office, located at 104 Goldsboro Street. We recommend purchasing a ticket as soon as possible as they tend to sell out quickly. Final sales will be Friday, Feb. 21. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Guest Speaker: Anthony "Ant" Atkinson, Jr. - Ant is a Wilson native that attended Greenfield School where he blossomed into a basketball player. As an All-American in his Senior season at Barton College, he made an unbelievable game winning shot in the 2007 NCAA Div-2 Championship game. This would cement his legacy as one of the greatest players at Barton College and would make the championship game one of the greatest comebacks in NCAA history. Ant's journey in basketball did not end there. In 2007 Ant joined the historic Harlem Globetrotters, traveling to over 85 countries and impacting the world for good. After 12 years, Ant retired from the Harlem Globetrotters. He is now the Varsity Basketball Coach at Wilson Preparatory Academy, where he also teaches personal finance and career management.

For more information, call the City of Wilson's Human Relations Office (252) 399-2308 or visit the City of Wilson's website at: www.WilsonNC.org enter "Awards Banquet" in the search box. The Human Relations Office is located on the first floor of the City Hall Annex, 104 Goldsboro Street.

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