

Columbia County Chamber Announces Award Winners at 21st Annual Banquet!

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The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce hosted its 21st Annual Banquet, presented by SouthState Bank, on Thursday, February 12th at the Columbia County Exhibition Center. More than 500 Chamber members, local leaders, community officials, and state representatives were in attendance. The Chamber honored outstanding individuals and businesses during its annual awards ceremony, celebrating their achievements and contributions to Columbia County and the Greater Augusta Region.

Tiffany Heitzman, Executive Officer at Home Builders Association Greater Augusta-Aiken Region, received the Leadership Columbia County Alumni Award. The Ambassador of the Year Award was presented to Janet Mueller, Realtor &



2025 Lifetime Achievement Award



Tammy Gibbs Shepherd

President-SOAR
Nonprofit Solutions

Retired President &
Columbia County
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Tammy Gibbs Shepherd, President-SOAR Non-Profit Solutions, LLC
Retired President & CEO, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce!

The 21st Annual Banquet Celebration was made possible through the support of various sponsors. SouthState Bank served as the Presenting Sponsor, while Georgia Power, Savannah Nuclear Solutions, and Security Federal Bank were the Premier Sponsors. Executive Sponsors included Allegra Print & Marketing, DIYscapes, and Southern Oral Surgery & Implant Specialists. Additional sponsors included Augusta Technical College, C&C Automotive, Jordan Trotter Commercial Real Estate, Lamar Advertising, Beachview Events, F&M Bank, and Ballooneers. To learn more about the Columbia County

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2025 Small Business of the Year



Ambassador of the Year



VETERANS
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2025 Volunteer of the Year



Jamie Weir

2025 Leadership Columbia County Alumni Award!
Tiffany Heitzman, Executive Officer
Home Builders: Greater Aiken • Augusta Region

2025 Volunteer of the Year Award!
Jamie Weir, Director of Marketing
Blanchard and Calhoun Real Estate Company

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2025 Non-Profit Member of the Year Award – Home Builders Association: Greater Augusta-Aiken Region!



Home Builders Association
Greater Augusta-Aiken Region