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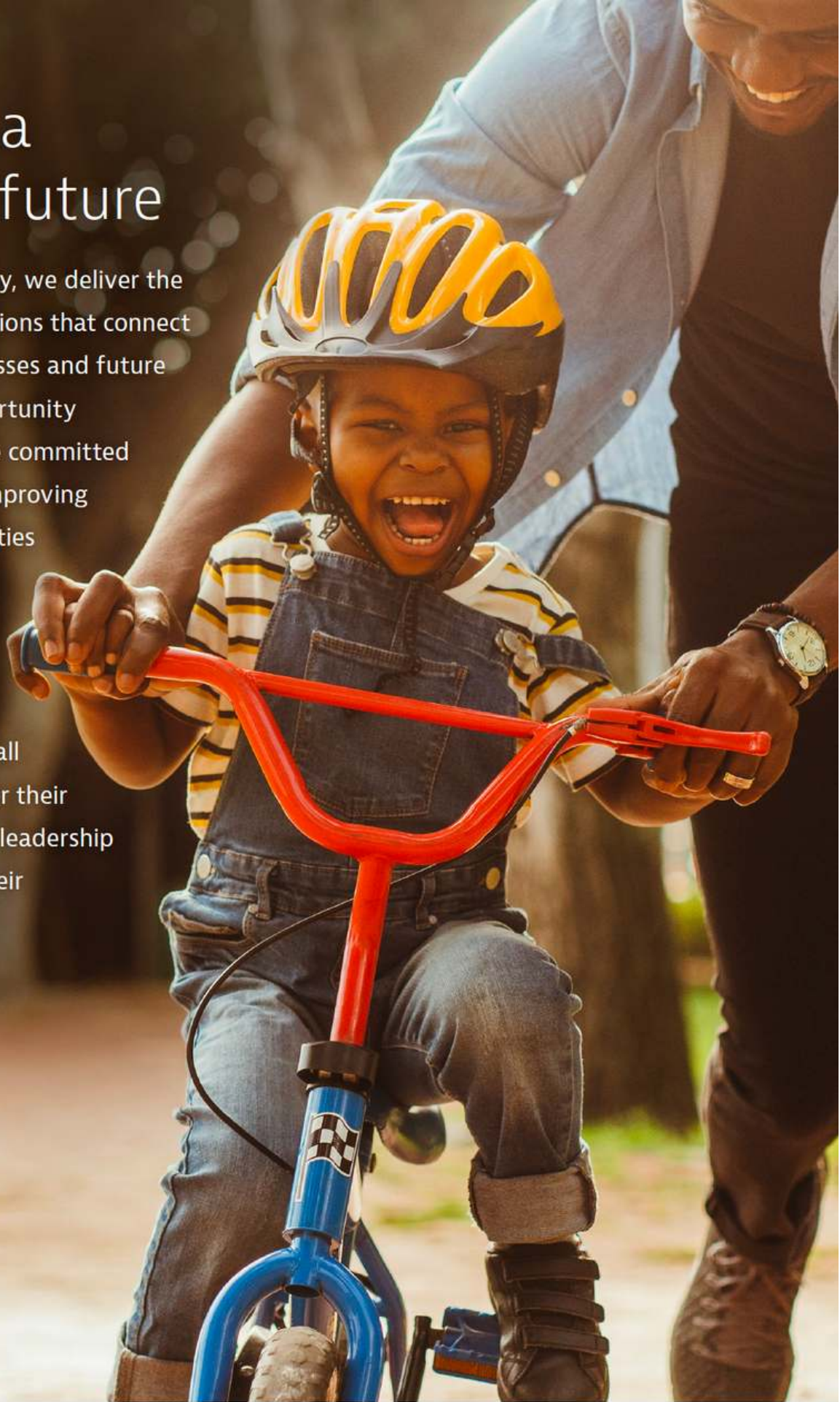
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At Southern Company, we deliver the resilient energy solutions that connect communities, businesses and future generations to opportunity and possibility. We're committed to supporting and improving the diverse communities we're privileged to serve.

We salute this year's Atlanta Press Club Hall of Fame inductees for their outstanding service, leadership and dedication to their communities.





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ABOUT THE ATLANTA PRESS CLUB

Established in 1964, the Atlanta Press Club (APC) is a registered 501c3 nonprofit and one of the largest and most active professional journalism organizations in the country. More than half of our 500 members are working journalists. The balance is made up of journalism students, educators, government and nonprofit executives, and public relations professionals.

Our mission is to serve the evolving professional, educational and social needs of our media community, foster journalistic excellence and advance the public's interest in and understanding of a free press.

WHY JOURNALISM MATTERS NOW

Newspapers and newsrooms are disappearing from American towns and cities. Without local journalists in these areas, citizens are becoming less informed and research and sources are not being printed, which means many public officials are not being held accountable for their actions. In the current media environment, it can be hard to tell what news is real vs. fake, and what is fact vs. opinion. Journalism is under attack, and there is confusion about what journalists do and why they are vital in a democracy.

The Atlanta Press Club partnered with Georgia Humanities on the *Democracy and the Informed Citizen* project and we continue to provide online programming that deepens the public's knowledge of the connections between democracy, journalism and an informed citizenry; we also aim to increase media literacy and support high-quality journalism, especially local journalism.



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RECOGNITION OF QUALITY JOURNALISM

Sponsorship allows us to publicly recognize excellence in the field of journalism at our annual Hall of Fame event, which honors journalists for their careers and lifetime achievements.

PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

Through publications and programming, the APC helps to educate the public on important issues and the role journalists play in a democracy.

EDUCATION

APC hosts discussions throughout the year to help journalists improve their skills and accuracy. Topics include current legislation, First Amendment law, and tips and resources.

INTERNSHIPS

APC offers summer internships for journalism students by pairing them with many of Atlanta's top news organizations where they receive hands-on experience reporting.

ACCESS

Members and the public gain access to influential leaders from across the state and the country through our Newsmaker and Check-In series.





As fellow journalists, your exceptional work inspires us.
As new neighbors, you make us proud to call Atlanta “home.”

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ABOUT THE HALL OF FAME

Each year, the Atlanta Press Club recognizes top leaders within our industry. For more than 50 years, we've fostered and awarded journalistic excellence to distinguish outstanding individuals who uphold the highest standards of the press. The Hall of Fame is an annual event that recognizes journalists for their lifetime achievements, whose careers represent the highest standards of journalistic integrity and ethics. They have made outstanding contributions either to journalism in Georgia or the country and the world at large, often courageously overcoming many obstacles to pursue, find and share the truth.

PAST INDUCTEES



From *The Auburn Plainsman* to a Pulitzer Prize nomination,

and hundreds of places in between,

Paul Hemphill told the stories we needed to hear.

As a 1959 Auburn graduate, he is a testament to
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*Congratulations,
Billye Aaron!*

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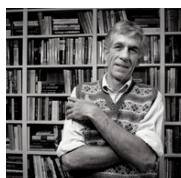
Billye Aaron blazed a trail as co-host of WSB-TV's Today in Georgia becoming the first African-American woman in the southeast to host a daily talk show in 1968, and she followed up with her weekly talk show, Billye, for WTMJ-TV in 1973. She began her career as an English teacher in Atlanta Public Schools, Spelman College, Morehouse College, South Carolina State College, and Morris Brown College. She has worked for many years leading fundraising efforts for the United Negro College Fund as well as the NAACP. Aaron and her late husband, Hank Aaron, created the Hank Aaron Chase the Dream Foundation to assist low-income children with educational scholarships.



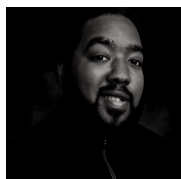
Rebecca Burns covered Atlanta for more than 20 years as a journalist, editor, and author of three books on Atlanta history. She served as editor-in-chief of Atlanta magazine from 2002-2009 and worked as director of digital strategy for Emmis Publishing. One of her books, *Burial for a King*, shares the story of the aftermath of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his funeral in Atlanta. Burns is the Executive Director of The Red & Black Publishing Company, an independent, nonprofit student media organization that covers Athens and the University of Georgia. She is a part-time instructor at UGA and previously taught at Emory. She is a past board member of the Atlanta Press Club.



Jim Galloway had been an editor and writer for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution from 1979 until his retirement this year. Most recently, he had served as the newspaper's political columnist and was the creator of its current-events blog, Political Insider. Galloway's fields of specialty have included religion, focusing on conservative evangelicals in the South, and international affairs. Among his awards is the prestigious Knight-Wallace Fellowship Program at the University of Michigan, where Galloway studied Chinese language, economics and philosophy. He has written extensively about American politics at the local, municipal, state, regional and national levels.



Paul Hemphill, who died in 2009, had a career that spanned journalism, novels, and essays. A sportswriter from the start, Hemphill wrote about many of the things he loved including country music, minor league baseball, and NASCAR. In the 1960's, Hemphill wrote a daily column for The Atlanta Journal. His 2005 biography of Hank Williams, *Lovesick Blues*, and his 1993 memoir, *Leaving Birmingham: Notes of a Native Son*, were listed on Georgia Center for the Book's annual "25 Books All Georgians Should Read." An Auburn University Alum, Hemphill's last book was *A Tiger Walk Through History*, a volume on the history of Auburn football.



Marshall Latimore was the executive editor of the Atlanta Voice from 2017 until his death in March 2021. Leader, mentor, and friend, Latimore left his mark on the newspaper helping transform it into a multimedia company. A Birmingham, Alabama native, he came to Atlanta via Nashville where he was executive editor of StayOnTheGo Magazine. Latimore was dedicated to encouraging the next generation of Black journalists through his involvement in the National Association of Black Journalists as well as General Motor's mentorship program, "Discover the Unexpected," a summer internship program connecting students from Historically Black Colleges & Universities with historically Black newspapers.

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congratulates executive director

Rebecca Burns

on being named to the

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2021 HALL OF FAME PROGRAM

5:30 PM REGISTRATION AND HEALTH CHECKPOINT

6:00 PM EVENT BEGINS

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6:30 PM CEREMONY BEGINS

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DONNA LOWRY JOURNALIST, GPB, 2021 HALL OF FAME EMCEE

REMEMBERING JOVITA MOORE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APC HALL OF FAME HONOREE MONTAGE

VIDEO TRIBUTE FEATURING HONOREES 2010-2021

HONOREE INTRODUCTION

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BILLYE AARON INDUCTION



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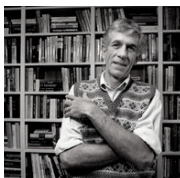
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JIM GALLOWAY INDUCTION



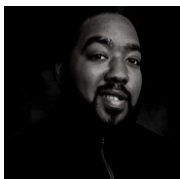
TRIBUTE VIDEO FEATURING KEVIN RILEY, LEROY CHAPMAN,
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KEVIN RILEY PRESENTER
JIM GALLOWAY ACCEPTING

PAUL HEMPHILL INDUCTION



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RICHARD ELDRIDGE, TERESA WEAVER, AND JIM STEWART
ANGELO FUSTER PRESENTER
SUSAN PERCY ACCEPTING

MARSHALL LATIMORE INDUCTION



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MIKE JORDAN PRESENTER
DAWN MONTGOMERY AND MARY LATIMORE ACCEPTING

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KEN FOSKETT

THANK YOU AND GOODNIGHT

DONNA LOWRY



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Congratulations to
Billye Aaron,
our queen of hearts.

