

Award Winners 1998 – Present

Tourism Hall of Fame

1998--Walter & Bessie Bellingrath, Robert S. Hardy, Bill Turnnell
1999--Dr. Bronner, Capt. Diffley, Frances Smiley
2000--Don Naman, Judy Ryals, Lee Sentell,
2001--Bill Armistead, Patti Culp, David Johnson
2002--Talmadge Butler, Pedro Mandoki, Danna Lee Tatum
2003—Odessa Woolfolk, Eva Golson, Ed Hall
2004—Ed Buckbee
2005—Walter E. Penry, Jr.
2006—Sara Redding
2007—Martin Darity, Frances Smiley
2008—Chalmus Weathers
2009—Anthony J. Rane
2011—Doug Purcell
2012 – Dr. Edwin Bridges
2013 – No nomination
2014 – Mary Ann Neely
2015 – Dr. Lawrence J. Pijaux, Jr.
2016 – David Johnson, Elaine Fuller, Bellingrath Gardens, & Preister's Pecans
2017 – Allen W. Mathis & J. Gary Ellis
2018 – Dr. William E. Barrick

Director's Award

2005- WBRC TV
2006--Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo
2007—Robert Craft
2008—Unclaimed Baggage
2011 - Fame Studios
2012 – No Nomination
2013 – No Nomination
2014 – No Nomination
2015- No nomination
2016 – Jason Wilson
2018 – Jason Isbell

Attraction of the Year

1998--U.S. Space and Rocket Center
1999--Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail
2000--International Motorsports Hall of Fame
2001--Alabama Shakespeare Festival
2002--USS Alabama
2003—The American Village
2004—The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

2005—RTJ Golf Trail
2006—Huntsville Botanical Garden
2007—Alabama Adventure
2008—Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center
2009—The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
2010—Alabama Music Hall of Fame
2011—Barber Motorsport Park & Museum
2012 – Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
2013 – The Museum of Alabama
2014 – USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park
2015 – Gulf Quest National Maritime Museum
2016 – 3614 Jackson Highway
2017 – The Park at OWA
2018 – Gulf State Park

Event of the Year

1998--Mercedes-Benz Grand Opening
1999--Winston 500
2000--Brunos Memorial
2001--Rosa Parks Library Dedication
2002--Trail of Tears
2003—Sail Mobile
2004—Fairhope Arts & Craft Festival
2005—Dead Sea Scrolls
2006—Santa’s Village
2007—W.C. Handy Festival
2008—Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts (The Art of Competition)
2009—BayFest
2010—Star Wars
2011—Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama
2012 – The Hangout Music Festival
2013 – City of Birmingham -50 Years Forward
2014 – Gadsden Riverfest
2015 – Boom Days
2016 – National Shrimp Festival
2017 – No nomination

Governor's Tourism Award

1998--John Henderson
1999--George Eastman
2000--Thomas G. Walker
2001--George Swift
2002--Robert Devane
2003—Harvey & Joyce Ann Robbins
2004—Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum
2005—Race Fever-2005
2006—Virginia Whitfield/Whitfield Foods

2007—Jack Warner
2008—Come Home It's Suppertime
2009—J. Gary Ellis
2010—James W. Rane, Sr.
2011 – No Nomination
2012 – Bill Barrick
2013 – Alabama Gulf Coast Reef & Restoration Foundation
2014 - No nomination
2015 – Majestic 3 (State Parks)
2016 – No Nomination
2017 - No Nomination
2018 – No Nomination

Tourism Professional of the Year

2003 –Allison Stanfield
2004—Cecile Clark
2005—Colette Boehm
2007—Linda Vice
2008—Charles Winters
2009—Jennifer Moore
2010—Angie M. Pierce
2011—Ron McConnell
2012 – Kim Chapman
2013 – No Nomination
2014 – No nomination
2015 – No Nomination
2016 – Vickie Ashford
2017 – Paula Steigerwald

Tourism Organization

1998--Mobile CVB
1999--Selma-Dallas Chamber
2000--Greater Birmingham CVB
2001--Huntsville/Madison CVB
2002--Marshall County CVB
2003—Alabama Travel Council
2004—Huntsville/Madison County CVB
2005—Gulf Coast CVB
2006—Florence/Lauderdale Tourism
2007—Birmingham CVB
2008—Decatur CVB
2009—Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association
2010—Alabama Gulf Coast CVB
2011—Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association
2012 – Clay County Chamber of Commerce
2013 – Dekalb County Tourist Association
2014 – Florence/Lauderdale Tourism

2015 – Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Tourism
2016 – Huntsville Convention & Visitors Bureau
2017 – City of Foley
2018 – The Alabama Bass Trail

Tourism Partnership

1998--Alabama Gulf Coast CVB
1999--Chief Ladiga Trail
2000--Central Alabama's Black Belt Heritage Trail
2001--Alabama Tourism Partnership
2002--Alabama Bass Trail
2003—Alabama Coastal Birding Trail
2004—Travel South Showcase Mobile
2005—West Alabama Hunting & Fishing Trail
2006—Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham
2007—Tuscaloosa CVB
2008—Montgomery CVB
2009—Alabama Barbecue Association
2010—Elmore County Economic Development Authority
2011—Tuscaloosa CVB
2012 – Mobile City Pass
2013 – Alabama Bass Trail
2014 – Bob Baumhower
2015 – Coastal Alabama Partnership
2016 – Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Tourism
2017 – Jerry Fouse (TVA)
2018 – The Montgomery Chamber/Convention & Visitors Bureau/Equal Justice Initiative

Tourism Executive

1998--Antonio Cole,
1999--Sara Fuller
2000--Georgia Carter Turner
2001--Bebe Gant
2002--Mike Foster
2003--Pam Swanner
2004—Robert “Bob” Hendrix
2005—Herbert J. Malone
2006—Dr. Lawrence J. Pijaux, Jr.
2007—Leon Maisel
2008—Gene Brett
2009—Michael Gunn
2010—Patti Culp
2011—Judy Ryals
2012 – Dana Lee Jennings
2013 – Tami Reist
2014 – Hans van der Reijden

2015 – Heiko Enfeld
2016 – Beth Gendler
2017 – Tynette Lynch
2018 – Dr. Deborah Barnhart

Tourism Volunteer

1998--Robert Walker, Decatur
1999--Virginia McDorman

Extra Mile Award

2000--National Voting Rights Museum
2001--Fort Gaines
2002--Understudy Dinner Theatre

Media Advocate

2001--Gary Ellis
2002--Lynn Grisard Fullman
2003--Anniston Star
2004-Carol Muse Evans
2005- The Daily Mountain Eagle
2006—Lynn Edge
2007—Rick Harmon
2008--John Alex Floyd, Jr.
2009—Raycom Media
2010—Lynn & Milton Fullman
2011—Mary Colurso
2012 – Bob Carlton
2013 – Alabama Media Group
2014 – Larry Bleiberg
2015 – Kelley Kezek
2016 – Times Daily Newspaper
2017 – No nomination
2018 – Alabama Living Magazine

Government Advocate

2001--Mayor Eddie Frost, Florence
2002--Mayor Jim Byard
2003- Mayor Michael Dow
2004—Mayor Bobby Bright
2005—Loretta Spencer
2006—Barnett Lawley
2007—Anthony Petelos
2008—Congressman Artur Davis
2009—Rep. Richard Lindsey
2010—Mayor Todd Strange
2011—Senator Arthur Orr

2012 – Rep. Randy Davis
2013 – No Nomination
2014 – Mayor Todd Strange
2015 – Mayor George Evans
2016 – Senator Clay Scofield
2017 – Mayor William Bell Sr.
2018 – Congressman Robert Aderholt

Welcome Center

1998--Alabama Welcome Center
1999--Robert S. Hardy Welcome Center
2000--Sumter Welcome Center
2001--Ardmore Welcome Center
2002--Lanett Welcome Center
2003—Houston Welcome Center
2004—Baldwin Welcome Center
2005—Ardmore Welcome Center
2006—Grand Bay Welcome Center
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2008—Sumter Welcome Center
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2010—Grand Bay Welcome Center
2011—Cleburne Welcome Center
2012 – Baldwin Welcome Center
2013 – Ardmore Welcome Center
2014 – Lanett Welcome Center
2015 – No Nomination
2016 – Grand Bay Welcome Center
2017 - Dekalb Welcome Center

Welcome Center Employee

2018 – Melinda Edwards

ATD Employee

1998--Russell Nolen
1999--Ami Simpson
2000--Marilyn Jones Stamps
2001--Sandy Faulk
2002--Gail Gowen
2003—Beverly Stallings
2004—Sandy Faulk
2006—Richard Grey Brennan
2007—Brian Jones
2008—Thomas Cauthen
2010—Cynthia Flowers
2011—Frances Smiley
2012 – Marilyn Stamps

2013 – No Nomination
2014 – Pam Smith
2015 -Sara Jo Terry
2016 _ No Nomination
2017- Scott Burbank
2018 – Rosemary Judkins

Rising Star

2009—Kalleigh Drake
2010--Christy Elmore
2011—Kayla Riggs
2012 – No Nomination
2013 – Jessica Carlton
2014 – No Nomination
2015 – Carmen Bishop
2016 – Magi Thomley Williams
2017 - Kim Graham Smith
2018 – Michelle Browder

Theme Campaign

2009—Alabama Scenic River Trail
2010—City of Valley & The Cotton Mill Reunion
2011—Alabama State Council on the Arts
2012 – No Nomination
2013 – No Nomination
2014 – No Nomination
2015 - #iHeart-Huntsville
2016 – Mobile ‘Born to Celebrate’
2017 – The McWane Center-The Equation
2018 – The U. S. Civil Rights Trail

Lifetime Achievement Award

2013 Edward O. Buckbee
2017 Pedro Mandoki
2018 – Judy S. Ryals
2018 – Patti Culp

Legislator of the Year

2013 – Rep. Steve McMillan, Sen Trip Pittman

Hotelier of the Year

2013 - Larry Bowser – Marriott Shoals

Leadership Award

2018 – Dr. David Bronner

State Partnership Award

2018 – Alabama Dept. of Transportation (ALDOT)