



# ATLANTA METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Atlanta Metropolitan College Foundation, Inc. Raises more than \$165,000 for Need-based Aid

**Atlanta (Nov. 13)** – Atlanta Metropolitan College Foundation, Inc. recently raised more than \$165,000 for need-based aid at its annual fundraiser. The 2017 Celebration of Leadership Awards, in its sixth year, honors community trailblazers and highlights student success at Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC).

“We are extremely grateful to our partners and the greater Atlanta community for recognizing the need of our students and stepping into the gap to help these students continue on their path to success,” said AMC Foundation, Inc. Chair Skip Vaughan, general manager and market senior director of the Georgia market for Pepsi Beverages Company. “AMSC is filled with brilliant students who fight every day to make their dreams come true. I am delighted that we can help them on their journey.”

The Celebration of Leadership Awards honors outstanding corporate, community, and religious leaders who use their visionary leadership to improve metropolitan Atlanta, the state, the nation, and beyond.

This year’s honorees are:

- Roosevelt Council, Jr., airport general manager at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport;
- Rev. Dr. J. Allen Milner, Sr., founder and senior pastor of Chapel of Christian Love Baptist Church;
- Reginald Moore, retired special agent in charge, United States Secret Service; and,
- Yvonne Johnson Thomas – hospitality entrepreneur and philanthropist.

“Service to others does not come without sacrifices, and we are extremely grateful for the exceptional leadership the honorees and their families consistently provide to the Atlanta community and Atlanta Metropolitan State College,” said AMSC President Dr. Gary McGaha.

Need-based scholarships at Atlanta Metropolitan are used for gap funding. Often, students are close to graduation and in jeopardy of not being able to graduate because they owe small amounts for tuition and fees, sometimes as small as \$100.

The Celebration of Leadership and Atlanta Metro received generous support from the Atlanta business community with Delta Air Lines, Inc. as the top contributor.

#### **About Atlanta Metropolitan State College:**

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(L to R): Skip Vaughan, Chair, Atlanta Metropolitan College Foundation; Roosevelt Council, Jr., General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport; Yvonne Thomas, Entrepreneur; Dr. Gary McGaha, President, Atlanta Metropolitan State College; Reginald “Ray” Moore, Retired Special Agent in Charge Atlanta Field Office, United States Secret Service; Rev. Dr. J. Allen Milner, Sr., Founder and Senior Pastor, Chapel of Christian Love Baptist Church.

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