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**Councilmember Kwanza Hall receives Carl V. Patton President's Award for
Community Service and Social Justice**



ATLANTA – On Monday, April 25, Atlanta City Councilmember Kwanza Hall received the Carl V. Patton President's Award for Community Service and Social Justice from Georgia State University.

The Carl V. Patton President's Awards for Community Service and Social Justice recognize Georgia State University (GSU) students, student organizations, faculty, staff and community partners who are making significant contributions to the greater Atlanta community through their outstanding commitment to service. The awards are named for GSU President Emeritus Carl V.

Patton. Patton, who led the university from 1992-2008, is widely credited with helping transform GSU into a key player in the economic development of Downtown Atlanta.

In a campus ceremony, Hall and his city council office were recognized as GSU's Outstanding Community Partner for 2016. Georgia State University President Mark Becker commended Hall's efforts to involve hundreds of GSU students in his ongoing Year of Boulevard initiative, in Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward neighborhood, and his longstanding commitment to the university's Freshman Community Plunge, an annual day of community service that introduces first-year students to the Atlanta neighborhoods they will call home.

In his remarks, Hall thanked GSU's Office of Civic Engagement for helping student volunteers connect with meaningful service projects so close to the campus. "Thanks to the Office of Civic Engagement," he said, "GSU students begin their journey into adulthood as engaged citizens of the world around them."

The ceremony included a short testimonial video highlighting Hall's work with Georgia State University students over the years: <https://vimeo.com/163744241>

This is the second award that Hall has received from the university since his election to the Atlanta City Council in November 2005. In 2012, GSU's Rialto Center for the Arts honored Hall with its Pioneer Award, which is given annually to someone who has contributed significantly to the health and vitality of the City of Atlanta's arts and cultural communities.

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