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Council for Quality Growth Names Speakers & Chairs for the 2025 Four Pillar Tribute honoring Tommy Holder Chairman & Former CEO of Holder Construction to Receive 36th Annual Four Pillar Award on October 16

ATLANTA, GEORGIA – The [Council for Quality Growth](https://councilforqualitygrowth.org) will honor Thomas M. “Tommy” Holder, Chairman and Former CEO of Holder Construction, with its 36th annual [Four Pillar Tribute](#) on October 16, 2025 at the Georgia World Congress Center. The Council’s prestigious Four Pillar Award annually recognizes an outstanding individual who demonstrates the ‘Four Pillars’ of leadership – Quality, Responsibility, Vision, and Integrity – and exemplifies the Council’s mission of promoting balanced and responsible growth. The 2025 Tribute will recognize many lasting and ongoing contributions Tommy Holder has made to our Atlanta region, state of Georgia, and beyond. The 2025 reception and dinner are presented by the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, Delta Air Lines, Georgia Power, and Norfolk Southern, and will be held in the Georgia Ballroom of the Georgia World Congress Center.

The theme of Tommy’s Four Pillar Tribute is *Opportunity / Empowerment / Integrity*, inspired by the values by which he ran his company for 30 years. Under Tommy’s leadership, Holder Construction has seen strategic expansion into other major cities and markets. Today, as one of the nation’s premier contractors, Holder Construction operates 8 different offices, has projects in over 30 states, and generates over \$8 billion in annual revenues. Tommy has been instrumental in shaping the Atlanta skyline with large-scale projects across commercial, education, aviation, and civic sectors. Among the long list of his projects in Atlanta are the Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Cox Enterprises Headquarters, NCR Global Headquarters, the New World of Coca-Cola, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Norfolk Southern Corporate offices, and Georgia Tech Square. Outside of Atlanta, Tommy and Holder Construction have built out Delta Sky Club lounges, the Devon Energy Center in Oklahoma City, the Institute for Building & Home Safety in Richburg, South Carolina, the Clemson University Core Campus, Apple Park in Cupertino, California, and over 400 data centers across the U.S. for clients such as Verizon, Google, Amazon, and State Farm.

At the 2025 Four Pillar Tribute, a special group of Tribute Speakers will speak to the presence of these ‘Four Pillars’ of leadership in the lives and work of Tommy Holder. Tribute Speakers include Dr. Ángel Cabrera, President of Georgia Institute of Technology, Donna Hyland, CEO of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Beth Lowry, President & CEO of Holder Construction, and Reverend Sam Candler, Dean of the Cathedral of St. Philip. Doug Hertz, Chairman & CEO of United Distributors, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The evening will also feature a special musical tribute and entertainment, a video tribute to Tommy, and remarks from other special guests. An esteemed group of Tribute Chairs have been selected to pay tribute to Tommy Holder for his impact and exemplary leadership across Atlanta and beyond, including:

John Ahmann	Dr. Ángel Cabrera	Jonathan Goldman	Donna Hyland	Michael Russell Sr.
Ed Bastian	Dan T. Cathy	Kim Greene	Phil Jacobs	Bill Schwartz
Liz Blake	Shan Cooper	Ernest Greer	Katie Kirkpatrick	Alana Shepherd
Arthur M. Blank	Sonny Deriso	W. Todd Groce	Hala Modellmog	T. Dallas Smith
Jim Borders	Elise Eplan	Doug Hertz	C. David Moody Jr.	Clyde C. Tuggle
Paul Bowers	J. Rex Fuqua	Bob Holder	Tom Noonan	Kathy Waller
Paul J. Brown	Larry Gellerstedt III	Hilton H. Howell Jr.	Norman Radow	

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The Council for Quality Growth commends the work of Tommy Holder and his company that has contributed to Atlanta's success story, making it a better place to live, to work, and to visit. The Council is incredibly proud to continue its annual tradition of recognizing extraordinary leaders in our region and state by adding Tommy to its prestigious list of Four Pillar Award honorees. Sponsorship information is now available at www.FourPillarTribute.com.

What: Council for Quality Growth's 36th Annual Four Pillar Tribute**Who: Honoring Tommy Holder, Chairman & Former CEO, Holder Construction**

- Master of Ceremonies
 - Doug Hertz, Chairman & CEO, United Distributors
- Tribute Speakers *on Quality, Responsibility, Vision, and Integrity*
 - Dr. Ángel Cabrera, President, Georgia Institute of Technology
 - Donna Hyland, CEO, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
 - Beth Lowry, President & CEO, Holder Construction
 - The Very Reverend Sam Candler, Dean, Cathedral of St. Philip
- Other Featured Speakers
 - Clyde Higgs, 2025 Chairman of the Board, Council for Quality Growth
 - Michael Paris, President & CEO, Council for Quality Growth

When: Thursday, October 16, 2025

- 6:00 p.m. – Cocktail reception
- 7:15 p.m. – Dinner and Tribute presentation

Where: Georgia World Congress Center's Georgia Ballroom**Attire: Black-tie Optional**

Tickets are required for guests and are available at www.FourPillarTribute.com.

[Read the 2025 Four Pillar Tribute Honoree Announcement Here.](#)

[Download the full 2025 Sponsorship Brochure Here.](#)



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About the Four Pillar Tribute:

For 36 years the Council for Quality Growth has paid tribute to an outstanding individual in the metro Atlanta region who exemplifies the Council's mission of promoting balanced and responsible growth through an annual leadership tribute gala that recognizes the 'Four Pillars' of leadership – Quality, Responsibility, Vision, and Integrity.

The Four Pillar Award and Tribute is an unparalleled honor that allows the opportunity for the metro Atlanta region and State of Georgia to celebrate the recipient's significant contributions to quality of life, community leadership, and economic development. The gala and award have come to be known as the highest honor bestowed for the contributions. The event provides a platform to align the honorees' impacts on the region and the state with the Council's ambitions and serves as a beacon of inspiration to perpetuate our economic prosperity. More information about the annual Four Pillar Tribute can be found at www.fourpillartribute.com.

Past recipients of the Council's Four Pillar Award include:

1990	Steve Reynolds	2002	George Busbee	2014	Steve Selig
1991	Wayne Shackelford	2003	F. Wayne Hill	2015	Dan Cathy
1992	J.W. Benefield	2004	Charlie Brown	2016	Jenny Pruitt
1993	D. Scott Hudgens	2005	Senator Johnny Isakson	2017	Governor Nathan Deal
1994	Wayne H. Mason	2006	John Wieland	2018	Paul Bowers
1995	Virgil R. Williams	2007	John A. Williams	2019	Larry Gellerstedt
1996	Paul A. Duke	2008	Tom Cousins	2020	Doug Hertz
1997	Jim Cowart	2009	Mayor Shirley Franklin	2021	Amb. Andrew J. Young
1998	J.D. Caswell	2010	Arthur M. Blank	2022	Carol B. Tomé
1999	A. Ray Weeks	2011	R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr.	2023	Ed Bastian
2000	Richard L. Tucker	2012	Sam Massell	2024	Herman J. Russell Family
2001	Louise Radloff	2013	John Portman		

About the Council for Quality Growth:

The Council for Quality Growth is a trade organization that works to ensure continued growth and economic success for generations to come by providing advocacy, information, and education to its members. For 40 years, the Council has been committed to the mission of promoting balanced and responsible growth and is proactively involved in the formulation of policy and legislation critical to the growth and development industry. The Council addresses, head-on, strategic economic planning, infrastructure needs, and tough quality-of-life issues throughout the metro Atlanta region and state. Visit www.councilforqualitygrowth.org for more.

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