



(Left to right) Senator John W. Matthews, Danny Mixon, Luther "Luke" Kissam, and Johnny Evans.

Orangeburg County Business *Hall of Fame*

Honors Laureates and
Scholarship Recipients

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For the past three years, the Orangeburg County Economic Development Partnership (OCEDP) has identified and honored individuals who share certain admirable characteristics. In order to be considered for selection as a Laureate, a private sector leader must have made a major impact on our community and the state of South Carolina. Furthermore, he or she must have reliably demonstrated the core values of integrity, leadership, respect, and excellence in his or her business and community dealings. The Lifetime Achievement award is given to persons who have dedicated their lives to a worthy cause or have made a positive impact on society or in the lives of others. The Lifetime Achievement award is open to civic, educational, institutional, and political leaders.



Senator John W. Matthews addresses the group.



Kissam speaks with Mixon and Evans who accepted the honor on behalf of his late father, Clarence F. Evans.

Previous Laureates, recognized in 2015 and 2106, are William B. Cox, Sr., Frank P. Tourville, Sr., Dr. T. Elliott Wannamaker, Wallace C. Bethea, Dewall Waters, and Charles S. Way, Jr. Making up the list of Lifetime Achievement award recipients from those years are Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr., Earl M. Middleton, and Marshall B. Williams. On Thursday, December 14, 2017, a deserving group of four individuals joined this elite group of honorees. Laureates for 2017 included Clarence F. Evans, Founder of C.F. Evans; Danny Mixon, CEO of Mixon Seed and Feed; and Luther Kissam IV (Luke), Chairman, President, and CEO of Albemarle Corporation. Senator John W. Matthews, Jr. received a Lifetime Achievement award.



2017 R. H. Jennings Scholarship recipients
Angela Plemmons and Quincey Lee.

In addition to the above honorees, two high school students, Angela Plemmons and Quincey Lee, were selected to receive the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce 2017 R. H. Jennings Scholarship. Both young ladies rank second in their respective classes and participate in many volunteer and extra-curricular activities. Angela of Holly Hill Academy is the daughter of Tammy Moore and has her sights set on becoming a veterinarian. Quincey of Lake Marion High School and Technology Center is the daughter of Patricia Middleton. Quincey has not yet decided on her career, but she has excelled in biology. Earning this prestigious honor is just the first of many accolades predicted for both of these capable young women.

The Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce has chosen to host every Business Hall of Fame celebration at Orangeburg Country Club (OCC). President Melinda Jackson explained, "There are many reasons we choose to hold the Business Hall of Fame at OCC. We expect a group of about 180 guests, and the Club has experience handling groups of this size. We always receive outstanding service. The Club's elegance perfectly complements this formal affair." Jackson continued, "We are always impressed with the delicious food, and the staff always delivers the impeccable professionalism demanded by such a grand affair."

Festivities commenced at 6:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception. An elegant three-course plated dinner service began at 7:00 p.m. starting with a scrumptious strawberry spinach salad. The night's entrée featured a four-ounce filet with mushroom demi glaze and a four-ounce portion of garlic herb chicken. Accompanying sides included red-bliss potatoes, green beans, and rolls with butter. Cheesecake with berries completed the meal.

The Club extends our sincere congratulations to this year's honorees. OCC looks forward to hosting the Business Hall of Fame celebration for many years to come. When you are searching for a venue for a business, group, or family, we invite you to consider Orangeburg Country Club. Call Private Event Planner Brandy Torrence at 803-534-5988 to set up a tour or reserve a date. Brandy can answer all your questions and help you every step of the way.



Ray Sabalis (L) speaks with Donnie Whisenhunt (R).

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