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## **USTA Georgia recognizes standouts among state tennis community with Annual Awards**

**MARIETTA, GA** – USTA Georgia today announced the recipients for the organization’s 2021 awards, which recognize outstanding achievements statewide in tennis both on and off the court. Twenty-four awards comprise the full list of honors, and the award winners will be officially recognized at the USTA Georgia Community Tennis Development Workshop in February.

This annual awards ceremony seeks to distinguish outstanding individuals in discipline categories. Winners are nominated by their peers, with the USTA Georgia Awards Committee having the final authority on awards selections.

The Ruth Ryner Lay Award for Lifetime Achievement, the John Callen Excellence in Leadership Award and the Presidents Award will be announced in due course.

The awards ceremony will take place the evening of Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> at the JW Marriott Buckhead. Below is the list of the 2021 winners:

- Adult Tournament of the Year – USTA Georgia 18 & Over League State Championships
- Al Parker Award for Junior Player of the Year – Marcel Dawson
- Charles H. Cox, Jr. Award for Adult Player of the Year – Daniel Plasa
- Dr. Robert Bunnan Community Tennis Association of the Year – USTA Atlanta
- Hardie Family Award for Junior Sportsmanship of the Year – Hayden Mulberry
- Iberia Bank Tennis Professional of the Year – Darrio Williams
- James Kincaid Family Award for Family of the Year – The Todd Kennedy family
- Janet Louer Junior Team Tennis Coordinator of the Year – Rebecca Crymes
- Junior Tournament of the Year – Georgia Junior Clay Court Open (Columbus)
- Kathleen & Cannon Carr High School Coach of the Year Award – Barry Owen
- Local League Coordinator of the Year – Jeanne Brennan-Krawetsky
- Mac MacDougal Tennis Official of the Year – Tatia Neal
- Marc Kaplan Media Excellence Award – Me and My Racquet podcast
- Member Organization of the Year Award – Coosa Valley Tennis Association
- NJTL Chapter of the Year – South Atlanta Community Tennis Association NJTL
- Randy Stephens Award for State Volunteer Service – Mike Williams
- Richard C. Botsch Educational Merit Award – David Stolle
- Jerry Baskin Scholar Athlete of the Year – Marcel Dawson
- Signature Tennis Courts Award for Tennis Director of the Year – Cem Gurkaynak
- Special Tennis Event of the Year – Ace Classic (United Way of Georgia)
- Team Tennis Event of the Year – USTA Georgia 18 & Over League State Championships
- USTA Junior Team Tennis Captain of the Year – Teresa Traylor
- USTA League Female Captain of the Year – Marcella Starks
- USTA League Male Captain of the Year – Joseph Olender