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Graham Westerman Jr. (left) and Thomas Kamplain (right) with award at the Annual Company Christmas Party

Lifetime Achievement Award 2019: Graham Westerman Jr

It is with great honor that Georgia Institute of EMS is about to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Graham Westerman Jr. The Lifetime Achievement Award is carefully selected each year by the President of the school, Thomas Kamplain. Each recipient of this award is chosen by looking at their experiences, dedication, and impact on the community and people around them. From the military to working the streets

back home, and to retiring from Grady hospital, Graham has helped thousands of different people. After retiring, he still continued his EMS career. He stood by Tom to help build the foundation of Georgia Institute of EMS by teaching our students every chance he had and continues to do so! He has dedicated such a large part of his life to helping others and has been a hero in so many people's

darkest days. Graham, you will always be such a pleasure and blessing to be around! We love you and are honored to have you here at the school.

- Lifetime Achievement Recipients:**
- 2017: Shirley Jones
 - 2019: Graham Westerman Jr.

What 2020 Brings for Georgia Institute of EMS

This new year is going to be even busier than the last for Georgia Institute of EMS. We are excited to announce that Steve Jones is beginning to focus his attention on accreditation for the school!

Because of this, we are in the process of transitioning clinical coordinators. Steve is now passing the torch to Jason Hale to become the new clinical coordinator at the first of the year for the school! This

huge step will finally allow GAIEMS to offer paramedic course. This has been a goal for Thomas Kamplain ever since Georgia Institute of EMS first opened.

Just like our current classes, the paramedic program will be for the student and for the public. The class will be created to produce quality paramedics while offering a flexible schedule so that students will still be able to live their life. The main goal for the school is to better our community.



Oct AEMT 2019 Class

We do this by ensuring our students receive a quality education in order to work as a competent employee. We are all very excited to start working on adding this level of education to our school.

Shirley Jones 1954-2019



“Live as Shirley would by caring and loving for one another”
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GAIEMS Receives 2019 Best of Covington Award

Covington Award Program

Georgia Institute of EMS has been selected for the 2019 Best of Covington Award in the Educational Consultant category by the Covington Award Program. Each year, the Covington Award

Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small

“best of local businesses in our community”

business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Covington area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2019 Covington Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity.

Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Covington Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Covington Award Program

The Covington Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Covington area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Covington Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.



AMR Set to Renew in Dekalb

Dekalb County officials are now recommending a new five-year contract with AMR.

You may recall late last year EMS Underground had Terrance Ramotar, the regional director for American Medical Response (AMR), on the show to comment on the reported call times the company had. This emergency ambulance service company has been under fire recently for not only slow response time complaints but negligence complaints as well.

AMR has responded to these complaints by ensuring they have “instituted new policies and training that will help improve AMR’s response times”. After searching for other vendors and options this past year, Dekalb county has decided to renew its contract with AMR for the next 5 years. Source: DeKalb County recommends new 5-year contract with highly-criticized ambulance company AMR. (2019, November 20). Retrieved from <https://www.11alive.com/article/news/local/dekalb-county-recommends-new-contract-with-highly-criticized-ambulance-company-amr/85-25e673be-1aeb-470f-a1a9-74181099690>.



Annual Company Christmas Party 2019: Dice Gift Exchange

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM US TO YOU!

With each passing year, Georgia Institute of EMS joins together to celebrate the holidays. This year, the party was hosted at none other than Thomas Kamplain’s home.



Award Recipient Graham Westerman Jr. 2019

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With an atmosphere full of nothing but laughter and love, this big bunch of people left happy and full of food. The first order of business to be had was food. After a prayer led by Mr. Kamplain, everyone dug in. With the different sides, drinks, and deserts provided by everyone who attended, this is easily the favorite meal of the year for many.

Next on the list was giving out the “Lifetime Achievement Award” to Graham. After a heart felt and teary-eyed speech from Tom, the fun of the night began.



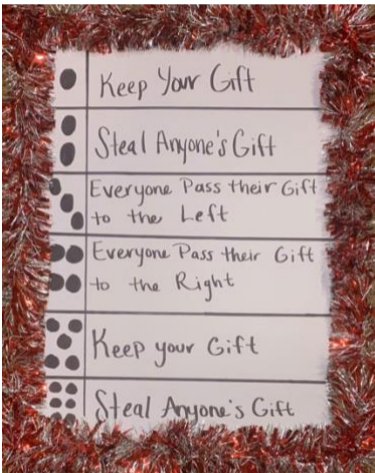
Tom Kamplain during Speech honoring Graham

This year, everyone in attendance was told to bring a single gift that cost no more than \$20. We then let the dice decide our fate.

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The dice were passed along in the circle and with each roll the gifts were either passed to the left or right, kept, or the roller could steal any gift they pleased. The catch? The gifts remained wrapped so no one knew what they would be. It was a fun, light-hearted game which I recommend at any Christmas party.

This Christmas party is a chance for past and current employees to meet and connect with one another. It brings everyone together more and more each year which is why the Georgia Institute of EMS family is so close. The family of Georgia Institute of EMS all genuinely care for the well-being of one another and want each other to be successful in life. If you are an instructor and missed the Christmas party, we hope you will be able to attend next year!



Ms. Shirley Jones

APRIL 13, 1954 – NOVEMBER 27, 2019

“Live as Shirley would by caring and loving for one another”

From caring for her family members to becoming one of the first EMT’s in Georgia and the only female EMT in Newton County for a very long time, Ms. Shirley was an amazing and selfless individual that always did anything she could to help others.

Her entire life revolved around helping others without a second thought.

Shirley Jones did more than just help people in the moment. She made it a point to connect with each and every person she met. She prayed with them, she prayed for them, she asked others to pray for them, and she checked in on them. She cared for each and everyone’s physical, emotional, and religious health.

Ms. Shirley was a very special soul. Even when others did not want her around, she knew she was needed so she stayed. Even when others did not like her, she was the kindest to them. She took care of others for the majority of her lifetime not because she had to, but because it is what she wanted to do. We all can learn a lot from the example of how Shirley Jones lived her life and constantly served others without any hesitation.

Shirley Jones will be missed by so many people. Her sister would like us to all keep Shirley in our hearts and to live as she would by caring and loving for one another. Shirley, you may not be with us physically, but we will always carry you in our hearts. We were honored to be able to witness you stop traffic one last time.



Front Left to Right: Holly Hughes, Vanessa Hale
Back Left to Right: Josh Hughes, Thomas Kamplain, Shirley Jones

Join GEMSA Today!

Pension plan for EMS in the works with GEMSA

The Goal for GEMSA is to make “life a little better for those who have chosen emergency care as their profession”.

The organization is now doing their best to make even EMS professional’s life financially better for their future!

They are in the process of creating a pension for EMS to sign up for and will hopefully soon become a reality!

Want to help support GEMSA with this? Become a member today!

Source: Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://georgiaemsassociation.com/benefits>.