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Assistant Public Housing Director **Lisa Edwards** was selected by a panel of her peers to receive the 2022 W. Calvin Horton Service Award. Town Manager Maurice Jones presented the award to Ms. Edwards at the Town's Employee Appreciation Event Friday, May 20.

"Lisa is the epitome of a servant leader," said Town Manager Maurice Jones. "She leads with her heart, and has been involved in many different areas of our local government, leaving a positive impression everywhere she has served. We are grateful to have her as a talented member of our Chapel Hill team."

Ms. Edwards has worked for the Town of Chapel Hill since 1996, serving in the **Police, Human Resources, Fire, and Public Housing** departments.



On the nomination form, Lisa was celebrated for her belief in the Town's organizational values, "(it is) not simply a poster that hangs in a break room. Lisa ensures that we understand, recognize, and appreciate how adherence improves our workspace."

The nominating party said she adds more than institutional knowledge in her current role, but real-world experience to help the people she serves. "As a former resident of the South Estes/Ridgefield community, Lisa understands what it means to be thought less of simply because of your address. She strives to make sure that all public housing residents are treated fairly, with dignity, and with respect."

The award is one of the highest honors the Town bestows upon an employee, who receives an inscribed glass plaque and \$3,000 cash award.

About the Award

The W. Calvin Horton Service Award was initiated in 2007 when funds were raised by the community through the Foundation for a Sustainable Community Inc., a not-for-profit charitable corporation under the auspices of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. The community raised the funds to honor the 16 years of service of former Town Manager Cal Horton. It was Horton's request that the funds raised be used to award Town employees for distinguished service, of at least 10 years. The fund supports the cash stipend associated with the award.

Past award recipients are Jackie Thompson (2019), Pat Spencer and Phil Smith (2018), Joseph McMiller and Heather Robinson (2017), John French (2016), Amy Harvey (2015), Coco Hall (2014, posthumous winner), Colleen Lanigan (2012), Nate Davis (2011), Maggie Burnett (2010), Jim Huegerich (2009), and Larry Stroud (2008). The award was not given in 2020 or 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town of Chapel Hill EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY



2022 W. Calvin Horton Award Presentation



Left to right: Jackie Thompson (committee, '19 recipient); Brian Litchfield (representing nominee Amy Edwards); Amy Harvey (committee, '15 recipient); Mary Jane Nirdlinger (Deputy Town Manager); Richard Terrell (nominee); Tim Czupka (committee); Loryn Clark (Deputy Town Manager); Faith Brodie (representing '22 recipient Lisa Edwards); Maurice Jones (Town Manager); Nicole Mazyck (nominee); Joe McMiller (committee, '17 recipient)



Look for more from Employee Appreciation Day 2022 in our June TOWNtalk.