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ACE Announces Honorees for 2024 Annual Awards Fundraiser and Dinner

ATLANTA, GA (Sept. 3, 2024) – [ACE | Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Inc.](#) is pleased to announce the honorees for its [2024 Annual Awards Fundraiser](#) taking place on Sept. 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at [Savanna Hall at Zoo Atlanta](#). This special evening will celebrate the exceptional achievements of entrepreneurs and partners who have made significant contributions to Georgia's business community. [Crystal Edmonson](#), Broadcast Editor of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

The 2024 ACE Award honorees are:

- **Commercial Impact Award** : [MuniRem Environmental LLC](#) | [Dr. Valentine Nzengung](#)
- **Small Business Impact Award** : [Bolivar Coffee](#) | Nicolas Jaramillo Angel
- **The Ripple Effect Award** : [Dragon Academy](#) | [Fern Pegus](#)
- **Grace C. Fricks Founder's Award** : [AppStudios](#) | [James Daniel](#)
- **J.Alton Wingate Economic Partnership Award** : [The Rockefeller Foundation](#) | [Chris Weaver](#)

The event will also pay tribute to [Grace Covington Fricks](#), ACE's Founder, President and CEO. After 24 years of dedicated service, Fricks will retire on Dec. 31, 2024, passing the organization's leadership to [Martina Edwards](#), ACE's Chief of Strategic Partnerships since 2019. Fricks' well-deserved retirement and ACE's legacy will be celebrated during an exclusive pre-awards VIP Founder's Reception at 4 p.m., where guests will have the opportunity to spend time with "Amazing Grace," ACE's chief catalyst.

Event Sponsors Include:

- **Founders Circle:** Piedmont Bank
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Tickets are on sale now! Secure your spot and join us for an evening of inspiration, celebration, and connection.

Purchase your ticket here: <https://accesstocapital.ticketspice.com/ace-annual-awards>

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About ACE | Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Inc.

ACE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and community development financial institution (CDFI) that provides loans and business development resources to help its borrowers create and grow sustainable businesses. For over 24 years, ACE has been the resource of choice for those who are typically not financed fully by traditional lenders. Since 2000, ACE has loaned more than \$200 million to 2,600 + entrepreneurs, who have created or saved more than 21,000 jobs in Georgia. With a focus on underserved people and places, ACE connects small businesses owned by women, people of color and low to moderate income borrowers in all 159 counties across Georgia with capital and coaching to sustain their businesses, retain their employees, and thereby support their local communities. ACE has offices across Georgia in Atlanta, Cleveland, Dalton, and Tifton, and ACE Women's Business Centers locations in Norcross, and Savannah. For more information, visit <https://aceloans.org/>.

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