**2019 PRESIDENT’S ALUMNI AWARD**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize annually a South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities graduate who has continued to embody the values and mission of the residential high school program.*

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION and ELIGIBILITY:**

Our mission is very clear regarding the values we expect each student to adopt while a member of the SCGSAH community. The Mission Statement states that in terms of student characteristics, we value:

***Responsibility.*** Students share the responsibility for their learning.

***Intellectual Curiosity.*** Students are best prepared to meet life's challenges by becoming critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers.

***Growth.*** The school seeks to provide a solid foundation for continued artistic and academic development.

***Service Learning.*** Students benefit from extending what they learn in the classroom to the arena of the larger community.

This award seeks to honor an alumnus or alumna who has taken these values to heart in the years since graduating, and someone for whom art has remained a priority in his/her life. In addition to a commitment to the arts and artistic achievement, the following criteria will be considered:

* Continued to cultivate a personal responsibility for his/her intellectual growth
* Maintained a keen intellectual curiosity about the world
* Continued to evolve positively as a thinker and artist
* Contributed in positive ways to his/her community

Alumni of the SCGSAH residential and summer program are eligible for nomination. For the 2019 award, graduates from 2001-2014 are eligible.

**NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

An open call for nominations will be distributed by the SCGSAH Foundation. Nominations should be returned to Amanda Herlihy, Director of Development via email at: Amanda.Herlihy@gsafoundation.net no **later than Thursday, January 31, 2019.**

Nominations should state clearly, in 400 words or less, how the candidate meets the selection criteria. Additional materials that support the candidate’s nomination, e.g., vitae, resumes, newspaper/magazine articles, published works, etc., may also be submitted. All nominations will be kept in a permanent file, held by the SCGSAH Foundation, should they need to be revisited in future years.

The Award Selection Committee will review all nomination forms and, based upon the information provided, select up to three alumni for further consideration. The final selection will be made by the SCGSAH President, Dr. Cedric Adderley.

**HONOREE EXPECTATIONS:**

The honoree will be invited to travel to Greenville (**travel and lodging expenses paid** by the SCGSAH Foundation) to accept the award at our Spring Fundraiser (date TBD). While in Greenville, the honoree will also be asked to participate in outreach activities and work directly with SCGSAH students. The nature of these activities will be determined through conversations between the Honoree, the SCGSAH Foundation, SCGSAH outreach coordinator, and the department chair of the represented art area. **The honoree must be in attendance to receive this award.**