**Coach of the Year**

The GFCA awards two (2) coaching honors each year to active forensic coaches.

- One will be dedicated to a coach of debate events (Congressional, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy and Public Forum).

- One will be dedicated to a coach of speech events (Dramatic Performance, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Commentary, Humorous Interpretation, Program of Oral Interpretation, Impromptu and Original Oratory).

Recipients are then selected based on the following criteria:

- The candidate is in good standing with the GFCA.

- The candidate demonstrates enthusiasm for forensic activities.

- The candidate has a high regard and respect for the students s/he works with.

- The candidate has a high regard and respect for fellow coaches.

- The candidate works toward the improvement of the GFCA and forensic activities in Georgia.

- The candidate promotes interest in interscholastic forensic activities through the strength of her/his program.

- The candidate has acquired the respect of the students s/he works with as well as other students in the community

 **Hall of Fame**

 - Recipients of the honors will be selected by the nomination by the membership. Nominations should be made to the Awards Coordinator by February 1st. The Hall of Fame voting body should consist of the Executive Committee plus the current members of the Hall of Fame. Abstentions should not count against the nominee. Nominees must receive 75% of the votes cast.

 Recipients are then selected based on the following criteria, but not limited to:

- The candidate is in good standing with the GFCA.

- The candidate demonstrates enthusiasm for forensic activities.

- The candidate has a high regard and respect for the students s/he works with.

- The candidate has a high regard and respect for fellow coaches.

- The candidate works towards the improvement of the GFCA and forensic activities in Georgia.

- The candidate promotes interest in interscholastic forensic activities through the strength of her/his program.

- The candidate has acquired the respect of the students s/he works with as well as other students in the community.

- The candidate has worked to foster the growth of forensic activities in Georgia.

- The candidate has promoted speech and debate outside of the forensic community in Georgia as an effective educational and communicative tool.

- The candidate has coached in Georgia for at least five (5) years.

- The election for the Hall of Fame shall be held in odd-numbered years.

Every year, the GFCA will honor an individual with the **J. Richard Bracknell Service Award** for service to the organization and community.

 - Recipients of the honor will be selected by the Executive Committee based on nominations from the membership. Nominations should be made to the Awards Coordinator by January 1st. The individual receiving the majority of the Executive Committee vote will receive the award.

- The award will be presented to an individual or organization that has provided exemplary professional service or support to the GFCA community.

- Every year, the GFCA will honor a c**urrent middle school or high school administrator** of a Georgia Forensic Coaches Association member school for their support of the organization and community.

 - Recipients are then selected based on the following criteria, but not limited to:

- Encourage speech and debate education through active support of curricular and/or co-curricular programming.

- Foster cooperation between the speech and debate program and the rest of the school, showcasing students and their achievements with other administrators, school board members, and the community at-large.

- Lead a continuing dialogue with students, parents, faculty, and staff members to sustain and grow speech and debate participation.

- Encourage team spirit and play an active role in the speech and debate program.

- Demonstrate leadership and exemplify committed support to the speech and debate program’s livelihood.

- Advocate for speech and debate activities among other principals and the community at-large.