

North Carolina Jaycee History

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The first Jaycee Chapter in North Carolina was organized 1929 in Charlotte as the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Charter Member #266 certifies date of affiliation with United States Junior Chamber as January 5, 1929. Winston-Salem was the second chapter, Raleigh the third and Fayetteville the fourth.

The North Carolina Jaycees was organized in 1937. At a meeting in Winston-Salem on April 17, 1937, the North Carolina Jaycees was founded with T. Spruill Thornton of Winston-Salem being elected the first state president. The North Carolina Jaycees received membership charter #547 from the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce dated December 6, 1938.

State officers elected at the first annual meeting were a president and two vice-presidents. The secretary-treasurer was appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors consisted of two delegates from each chapter. Those in good standing were entitled to the same number of votes and delegates provided in our present by-laws. From this nucleus has grown a state organization served by a professional staff and over 50 state officers. Effective June, 1984, the North Carolina Jaycees voted to admit females as members to the organization. Age for membership requirement today is 21 to 40. This age requirement was adopted at the 1987 US Jaycee Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

In 1943, North Carolina Jaycees adopted the Miss America franchise, and in 1950 it was adopted as a permanent project. North Carolina was the first state organization to be affiliated with the Miss America Pageant.

In 1947, North Carolina's FUTURE monthly publication of the organization was born. Name of magazine changed to LEADER. Today, timely information is communicated by website. The website is www.ncjaycees.org.

State Headquarters was originally located in High Point in the basement of the Security National Bank Building. In August of 1952, it was moved to a building known as "The World's Largest Bureau", constructed to resemble a bureau, article furniture manufactured in High Point.

During the term of President Irvin Aldridge, 1966-67, the need for a new building was approached. Hickory's Glenn Hilton was appointed as Chairman of the Committee to study and recommend the feasibility of a statewide campaign for building a new headquarters. The study was completed in October of 1967, and at Mid-Year Convention in Greensboro on November 12, 1967, the North Carolina Jaycees approved the proposed building. Immediately following this meeting, the North Carolina Jaycees Memorial Foundation, Inc., was founded to oversee the activities of this important project. Hickory architect D. Carroll Abee was contracted to do the architectural work and Paul Trollinger Construction Company in Asheboro constructed the building. The building was dedicated on April 26, 1969 as an honorarium to the 12,800 young men who were members of the North Carolina Jaycees at that time.

This first Executive Vice President of the North Carolina Jaycees was Bill Reynolds of Montgomery County Jaycees. He began in High Point in 1965. Jim Jenkins of Edenton

became Executive Vice President in 1968 and made the final move into our present state headquarters in Asheboro. In the fall of 1969, Stacy Johnson of the High Point Jaycees became Executive Vice President. In July 1970, John Gibson of the Newton-Conover Jaycees was elected to this position. Maurice Wilson of the Mecklenburg Jaycees became Executive Vice President in October 1975. Jerry Wall of the Yadkinville Jaycees filled the position of Executive Vice President which he served from 1980 to 1985. Phyllis Councilman was selected to fill the office of Executive Director in 1985 through 1995. Nancy Hayes served as full time Executive Director, followed by Jennifer Simms. State headquarter staff is now changed to part-time with Jennifer Simms serving as Executive Secretary.

The highest achievement for a Jaycee chapter to attain is the Harold A. Marks Memorial Award. This award is the highest in US Jaycees organization for most outstanding Jaycee chapter in the nation. The following chapters have achieved this: Winston-Salem in 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945; Rocky Mount in 1952 and 1954; Greensboro in 1965, 1968, 1991 and 1995; Pfafftown in 1967, 1970 and 1982; Wilmington in 1990; and Raleigh in 1996.

During the year of 1964-65 and 1967-68, the Greensboro Jaycees, under the leadership of President E.S. (Jim) Melvin and James A. (Jay) Brame, won the coveted Harold A. Marks Memorial Award. The Greensboro Jaycees in 1967-68 also won the world's best international award for international service to the world Jaycees – The Bolivian Award.

One of the coveted national awards is the Clayton Frost Memorial Award given by the Winston-Salem Jaycees to the Five Most Outstanding State Presidents in the nation each year. The following individuals have won this award:

1951-52	Harry Stewart	Raleigh Jaycees
1956-57	Robert Cox	Chapel Hill Jaycees
1958-59	Marvin Koonce	Raleigh Jaycees
1961-62	Fred Swartzberg	High Point Jaycees
1967-68	Luther Britt, Jr.	Lumberton Jaycees
1975-76	Jim Morgan	High Point Jaycees
1977-78	John Fletcher	Concord Jaycees
1978-79	Harold Herring	Mt. Olive Jaycees
1985-86	Jerry Wall	Yadkinville Jaycees
1988-89	Joe Walker	Elkin Jaycees
1990-91	Mossy White	Winston-Salem Jaycees

The Clint Dunagan Memorial Award is presented annually to 20 outstanding Regional Directors in the Nation.

1958 Stover P. Dunagan	1959 E.J. Bundy
1960 Al Sharpe	1962 John McNair
1964 Guy Buckle	1967 Luther Britt, Jr.
1968 Jim Ollis	1972 Jim Hastings
1976 Joe Hollowell	1977 Andy Johnson
1978 Roger Allen	1978 Harold Herring
1979 Alan Dossenbach	1980 John Lowery
1985 Rick Byrd	1989 David Hughes
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1996 Randy Bunn	

The M. Keith Upson Memorial Award is presented annually to 30 outstanding District Directors in the Nation.

1961	John McNair	1962	W.H. Bullard
1962	W.H. Singleton	1965	William Cowart
1966	Don Setliff	1969	Bill Hobbs
1971	Jim Hastings	1976	Andy Johnson
1977	Eddie Ellis	1977	Keith Evans
1978	Chris Crawford	1978	L.D. Still, Jr.
1979	Mike Cole	1979	Butch Gudger
1979	Eric Prevatte	1980	Tommy Huskey
1986	Ronald Dunn	1986	LeGrande Smith
1989	Jeff Steelman	1989	Steve Harrington
1990	Vicki Cannon	1991	Debbie Mills
1991	David Strickland	1992	Terry Troutman
1996	Terry Jones		

The only North Carolina Jaycee to win the Wayne McColl Award, given to the three outstanding JCI Coordinators in the nation was Norman Lee of Rocky Mount. Past NC State Jaycee President William B. Harrison of Rocky Mount was the first NC Jaycee honored with the JCI Senatorship.

The Don Cavalli Memorial Award is presented annually to the most outstanding National Vice President in the Nation. The recipients from North Carolina are:

1979-80	J. Harold Herring
1986-87	Jim Godfrey
1990-91	Donnie Solomon

The C. William Brownfield Memorial Award is presented annually to the five outstanding first-year Jaycees in the Nation.

1989-90	Karen Eaker
1991-92	Toni Harding
1993-94	Mark Reavis

The John H. Armbruster Memorial Award is presented annually to the five outstanding Jaycees following their first year of membership in the Nation.

1958	John Brock	1979	Ashley Houser
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Overall Jaycee Speak-Up winner in the Nation:

1968	Phillip Quidley	1986	Shelia R. Lee
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The Andrew and Charlotte Mungenast Award is presented annually to the three outstanding families in the Nation.

1983	Jim Weathers Family	1984	Mike Turlington Family
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The Dennis Hamilton Memorial Award is presented annually to ten outstanding statewide Vice Presidents.

1982	Paul Gosnell	1983	Jim Godfrey
1984	Randall Essick	1985	Joe Walker
1986	Glen Daly	1988	Donnie Solomon
1989	Gene Linkous	1990	Mossy White
1991	Wes Googe	1992	Jim Pritchett
1996	David Strickland		

The Steve Little Memorial Award shall be annually to ten outstanding Membership State Vice Presidents.

1986	Rick Byrd	1988	Paul Barfield
1989	Donnie Solomon	1990	T.W. King
1994	Bill Sharek		

The Seiji Horiuchi Award is presented annually to three Individual, Community, Management State Program Managers.

1977	Gerald Wheeler	1991	William Mills
1992	T.C. Deluca	1993	David Strickland
1994	Linda Reid-Oldham		

The R. Bradley Trafton Award is presented annually to three outstanding State Chaplains.

1986	Linda Peterson
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The Charles Kulp, Jr. Memorial Award is presented annually to sixty outstanding Local Presidents in the Nation.

1980	Ashley Houser	1981	Jim Collins
1982	Hank Smith	1985	Mark Kendrick
1986	Sid Adams	1986	Mossy White
1988	Patti Atkins	1988	McArthur Simms
1989	Tim Bryan	1989	Ken Arrowood
1990	Mary Schoot	1990	Debbie Carter
1991	Chris Dunbar	1991	Dave Beauchamp
1991	Rob Bencini	1992	Bobby Saunders
1992	Chuck Millisor	1993	Rudy Ogburn
1994	Linda Barrett	1995	Stew Mones
1995	Randy Bunn	1996	Wayne Prince

The Seldon Waldo Memorial Award is presented annually to two outstanding US Jaycee Committee Chairman or National Consultants.

1969	Jim Ollis	1988	Jim Godfrey
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The Allen Whitfield Memorial Award is presented annually to the top twenty most outstanding State Presidents in the Nation.

1985	Randal Essick	1986	Jerry Wall
1988	Rick Byrd	1989	Joe Walker
1990	Donnie Solomon	1991	Mossy White

The Dr. Jerry Bruce Memorial Award is presented annually to the chapter having the best single project entry in the Nation.

1965 Greensboro Jaycees 1988 Greensboro Jaycees

The State Vice President Award is presented annually up to five outstanding Administrative Vice Presidents or State Vice Presidents who are not included in the Dennis Hamilton or Steve Little Competition.

1994 David Strickland

North Carolina has had two National Presidents, Bob Cox of Chapel Hill and Bill Suttle of Marion. The National Vice Presidents to service the US Jaycees from North Carolina are Jim Ollis, Bill Hobbs, Avery Nye, Jim Hastings, Micou Browne, Harry Steward, Jim Godfrey, Donnie Solomon, Mossy White and Joanie Cramer. Jim Ollis served as Jaycee International Vice President.

The North Carolina Jaycees were the first state in the US to recognize the need to extend chapters into the correctional system. The first institutional chapter was chartered at Sandy Ridge by the Greensboro Jaycees in 1967. The Raleigh Jaycees next formed one at Central Prison in 1968. In 1973, the North Carolina Jaycees received the coveted Bill Butler Award at the National Convention in Minneapolis. In 1993, Crede et Vincent won the Institutional Howard Award for the most outstanding Institutional Chapter in America. North Carolina is currently one of few states that have active Jaycee chapters in the correctional system.

Each year since 1937 NC Jaycees have adopted priority projects to focus on statewide needs. Jaycees give back to their communities in many different avenues. For year 2010 the three statewide priority projects for all North Carolina Jaycees include: the Jaycee Burn Center at Chapel Hill, Duke Cancer Center in Durham, and Boys and Girls Home of NC at Lake Waccamaw.

Mission of the NC Jaycees is to provide young people the opportunity to develop personal and leadership training through local community service and organizational involvement.

State Jaycee president who have had vision to lead NC Jaycees in mission effort are:

1937-38	Spruill Thornton*	1938-39	Dallas Alford, Jr.*
1939-40	Wisner Chamblee*	1940-41	George Lentz*
1941-42	Basil Whitner*	1942-43	Howard Halberstadt*
1943-44	Ray Bandy*	1944-45	Robert Albernathy*
1945-46	Clayton Frost*	1946-47	Odell Lambeth*
1947-48	Ed Ellis*	1948-49	William Harrison*
1949-50	Micou Browne*	1950-51	Edgar Snider*
1951-52	Harry Stewart	1952-53	J.B. Brame
1953-54	Gene Ochsenreiter	1954-55	William Henderson
1955-56	Edgar Gurganus*	1956-57	Robert Cox
1957-58	Jack Sharpe*	1958-59	Marvin Koonce, Jr.
1959-60	Al Harrison*	1960-61	Al Sharpe
1961-62	Fred Swartzberg	1962-63	John Kennedy
1963-64	Bill Suttle	1964-65	Bill McDonald
1965-66	Cabel Ramsey	1966-67	Irvin Aldridge

1967-68	Luther Britt, Jr.*	1968-69	Jim Church
1969-70	Jim Ollis*	1970-71	Bill Hobbs
1971-72	Avery Nye, Jr.	1972-73	Fred G. Morrison, Jr.
1973-74	James C. Hastings	1974-75	Gus Tulloss
1975-76	Jim Morgan	1976-77	Joe Hollowell
1977-78	John Fletcher	1978-79	Harold Herring
1979-80	Maurice Wilson	1980-81	John S. Lowery
1981-82	Reich Welborn	1982-83	Jim Cole
1983-84	Jim Godfrey	1984-85	Randall Essick
1985-86	Jerry Wall	1986-87	Glen Daly
1987-88	Rick Byrd	1988-89	Joe Walker
1989-90	Donnie Solomon	1990-91	Mossy White
1991-92	Bill Sharek	1992-93	Wesley Googe
1993-94	Mary Shott Speaker	1994-95	T.W. King
1995-96	Terry Bennett	1996-97	David Strickland
1997-98	Randy Bunn	1998	Alan Hemphill
1999	Michael Woodard	2000	Milton Kern
2001	Kristy Whisnant	2002	Tom Cramer
2003	Michele Denton	2004	Shannon Foster
2005	Kenn Kubacki	2006	Joanie Cramer
2007	Sharon Worthington	2008	Chris Hardee
2009	Valerie Huffman	2010	Maria Hicks-Few

* Deceased

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