



**Don Dunlap
Citizen of the Year**

The Henry County Citizen of the Year recognizes many years of unselfish service to Henry County, above and beyond excellence in one's own profession, business, service or enterprise. The recipient must be of the highest moral and ethical character, well respected in the community, and outstanding in his or her commitment and

dedication to improving the quality of life for Henry County citizens. Tonight we honor just such a person.

Our 2016 Citizen of the Year has, in many ways, brought civic involvement into the digital age. An educator at heart, our honoree has taken students into the world to educate and challenge them. At his core, he wishes to instill in our young future leaders, the core values needed to succeed. He does this by challenging them with new ideas in the classroom and by taking them into the world to learn about their community. A classroom door is not a barrier to learning for those who fall under his instruction, nor does he consider graduation to be an end for learning.

Leadership is a core skill championed by our honoree. As an active participant in the Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership program, he has encouraged and facilitated the importance of not only learning leadership techniques; he has

challenged them to learn about their community and introduced them to the pleasure of giving back to the community.

He has also brought leadership and community involvement into the digital age, with a steady stream of social media encouraging and praising those who have made positive contributions to our community. As a sign of his impact, often his social media contains photos of former students who have returned to update him on their continued success, a testament to the lasting impact he has on their lives.

This is not a person whose manner is to encourage others to do without taking the advice to heart. He is an active community member of several organizations, many of which he serves in a leadership capacity. In addition to his position as an instructor at Henry County's Excel Academy, he is a member of the Board of Shining Light Ministries, where he has served as Chairman since June of 2013. He has Chaired the Youth Leadership Henry Board since June of 2011, and is the President of the non-profit Stockbridge Business Association, a position he has held since its inception. Treasurer of the Henry County Fuller Center for Housing since 2012, he has also served as a member of the Leadership Henry Board and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of his church and serves as an adjunct Business Professor at Southern Crescent Technical College.

Please join me in honoring our 2016 Henry County Citizen of the Year, Mr. Don Dunlap.