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Georgia Appleseed Center for Law & Justice

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Our Award Winners: Good Apples All!

What is the common denominator among our 2014 Good Apple Award winners? That's easy. Each stood up and said "count on me" to help Georgia Appleseed make a difference at the community level in dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline through effective student discipline.



When Georgia Appleseed sought to take the findings of its *Effective Student Discipline: Keeping Kids in Class* report to the next level and pursue systemic change through community engagement, the law firm of **Pope McGlamry Kilpatrick Morrison & Norwood LLP** helped to turn our vision of a Columbus Office into reality. In fact, Georgia Appleseed is the only one of the sixteen Appleseed network law centers to have a satellite office. And what an office it is! **Teddy Reese**, Georgia Appleseed's newly promoted Director of Community Outreach, has become a Muscogee and West Georgia fixture, working with schools, civic leaders and education advocates on Georgia Appleseed's access to justice projects.

Viral Dave (Goddard School) and **Josh Williams** (Booz Allen) literally answered Sharon Hill's call for help made at the 2012 Good Apple Awards. At that time Georgia Appleseed honored Dustin Heslep of Ernst & Young for his pro bono role in creating an internal database of Georgia public school discipline data. Sharon appealed for expertise to design an online searchable database of out-of-school suspension rates that could be shared with parents and community stakeholders as a catalyst and measurement to guide local efforts. Viral and Josh stepped up and said, "We can do that." And they did. Today you will find the result of their work on our website in our **Keeping Kids in Class Toolkit**, where you can pull up exclusionary discipline data on every public school in Georgia.

And getting out the word around the state of the wealth of information Georgia Appleseed has available to help schools and parents address challenges and measure progress? That would be the "Alphas," as **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** members are known familiarly to all. The Alphas' commitment to helping young men succeed in school and life and avoid the juvenile justice system made them perfect partners. Their **Georgia District Association** connections and reputation filled rooms around the state with parents, students and leaders to participate in data-driven presentations to inform and reinforce each community in their efforts to create better outcomes for all students.

We're sure all would agree our 2014 Honorees are Good Apples, indeed.

Join us on Thursday, April 26th to recognize and celebrate with them. Become a **Sponsor** and help Georgia Appleseed continue to be the type of organization people stand up for and say 'count on me.'

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