

ODYSSEY AWARDS LUNCHEON 2020

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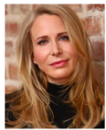
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Time: 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Location: Chattanooga Convention Center

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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CGLA will also honor Edna Varner as the recipient of the 2020 Founder's Award. Varner, an educator, administrator, and community leader whose career in education spans more than 40 years, has been deeply involved in CGLA since its beginning. According to Dr. Elaine Swafford, chief executive officer at CGLA, Odyssey is an opportunity to express appreciation for Varner's longstanding dedication. "Edna Varner has been an enthusiastic champion of CGLA, and we have been fortunate to have her ongoing advocacy. Her professional experience and unwavering commitment have been pivotal to CGLA's mission."

Swafford says that "Odyssey is also a celebration of student achievement. "As is our tradition, we will announce the 2020 recipients of the Rising Star and Shining Star awards. These recognitions spotlight young women who are exhibiting attributes associated with academic and personal success. We look forward to saluting students who are conscientious and disciplined; creative and insightful; eager and curious."

