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Detrick Stanford Named 2014 GRPA Distinguished Professional of the Year

The highest award given to any professional member of the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) is the Distinguished Professional Award. At the recent GRPA Annual Conference & Trade Show, Clayton County Director Detrick Stanford was the recipient of this prestigious award for 2014.

Mr. Stanford has been in the parks and recreation profession for over 18 years. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Georgia Southern University and Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. He also currently serves as Policy and Planning Liaison for the Clayton County Board of Commissioners and has held positions as Financial Administrator in DeKalb County, Georgia Parks Bond/Greenspace Office.

As a committed advocate for the leisure services profession, Detrick serves in a myriad of ways, including the following positions: member of the NRPA Board of Directors since 2009; NRPA Chair-elect; 2012-2013 President of GRPA; served on the Board of Regents of the Supervisors' Management School 2010-2013; 2014 Chair of the NRPA Congress Program Committee; and currently serves on the following NRPA Board Committees – Finance and Executive Committees. Detrick has been active with the National Recreation and Park Ethnic Minority Society (NRPEMS) for over 12 years. Most recently, Detrick is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, which is a distinguished civic-service organization that was founded in 1906 on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Detrick's professional and community achievements and recognitions are plentiful and well deserved. While working for DeKalb County Government, he was awarded the 2003 Innovative Programming Award, where he served as Special Services Manager. When working for DNR-State Parks and Historic Sites Division Detrick was credited for the successful development and implementation of the agency's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Plan (2005-2010). As Director of the Clayton County Parks and Recreation, Detrick successfully led his department through CAPRA national accreditation, which reviews 144 standards that are nationwide best practices. Detrick was selected among his peers as a Regent to NRPA's Supervisors' Management School where he provided instruction to supervisors and managers from across the country.

Mr. Stanford is the consummate professional that serves at the local, state, and national levels.

(L to R in picture attached) Marvin Billups, DeKalb County Deputy Director & Award Presenter; Detrick Stanford, Director of Clayton County Parks & Recreation Department; Kallette Stanford ; Lisa Cherry, GRPA President

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