

54th Annual Convention GWCA Winners



Friend of the CattleWomen

Tricia Combes is not only a friend of Georgia CattleWomen's Association but also a friend of all of the cattlemen across Georgia. Tricia has been serving Georgia's cattle industry for 10 years. Before coming to work at GCA/GBB she retired from the State of Georgia. Tricia decided she wasn't quite ready to fully retire and decided to continue to fulfill her calling to serve by coming to work at GCA/GBB. Tricia does more than just handle BQA certifications, account for checkoff dollars, and coordinate the Beef for the Classroom program. She is always playing a role behind the scenes. She may be preparing a delicious meal, keeping us fully stocked with beef promotional materials or helping to tie up loose ends. You can always count on her to lend a helping hand, no matter what the circumstances. Grandma Trish, as she is commonly known in the office, is someone we all go to for her honest opinion and advice.

GCWA Hall of Fame Inductee

The Georgia CattleWomen's Hall of Fame honors a cattlegirl who has contributed many volunteer hours and devotion to the cattle industry, youth and associations. This year's honoree, Ann Payne, is a 1974 Charter Member of the Georgia CowBelles and CattleWomen. She served as the 1998 and 1999 Georgia CattleWomen's President, as well as serving on the board and committees for the past 45 years. In 1996, she was recognized as the Georgia CattleWoman of the Year. She has been a major cornerstone of the Red Carpet Association, where she has promoted beef at festivals, coached Beef Ambassadors, fed attendees at the Calhoun Bull Test Sales, as well as served as their CattleWomen's president and officer on numerous occasions.



CattleWoman of the Year

Sara Akins resides in Nashville, Georgia, where she is the wife of Parrish Akins and the mother of two children, Chandler and Callie. Sara's passion for cattle started at an early age growing up on her family's operation. She attended ABAC, then UGA, where she obtained a degree in Agriculture Economics. Being a stay-at-home mom has allowed Sara many opportunities. She currently owns her own herd of about 50 commercial cows. She also manages the finances for Parrish's farming operation and contracts all of his commodity sales. She is the treasurer of the Berrien Youth Livestock Association Cattle Show.

Sara's passion for agriculture obviously started at an early age and continues to this day. Her passion for agriculture and the Lord can certainly be seen through her daily life. Her involvement with the Georgia CattleWomen's Association for over seven years has always been eager and willing to tell the story of beef that we all love.

