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Georgia Trend Magazine Names Sprouse, Davis to the 2015 List of “Notable Georgians”; Azziz to 2015 List of “Influential Georgians”

Walter C. Sprouse, Jr., Executive Director of the Augusta Economic Development Authority and Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis have been named to the 2015 edition of Georgia Trend magazine’s “**Most Notable Georgians**”. Dr. Ricardo Azziz, President of Georgia Regents University, was named to the publication’s “**Most Influential Georgians.**” The announcement was made today at Georgia Trend’s headquarters in Atlanta.

Sprouse has been Executive Director of Augusta’s economic development organization since 2003. It was the fourth time Sprouse was named to the list of the Most Notable Georgians.

Davis was elected last year as Augusta’s 84th Mayor, and took office on January 1 of this year. Prior to serving as Mayor, Davis represented Richmond County in the Georgia State Senate.

Dr. Azziz has been named to the list of the Most Influential Georgians for five years in a row. He said, “I am honored to be included among the state’s most influential leaders – those who work year round to make a positive impact on the lives of Georgians across the state,” Azziz said. “I would also like to congratulate Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis and Augusta Economic Development Authority Director Walter Sprouse, two city leaders who have exhibited a continued commitment to move Augusta forward.”

Also on the cover is “Georgian of the Year” University System of Georgia Chancellor Hank M. Huckaby who was named for his strong, steady, and principled leadership of Georgia’s University System. According to the magazine’s editorial staff, “Some of the notables wield their influence in the limelight; others work behind the scenes. But all of them impact the daily lives of Georgians everywhere.”

Other notables on the Georgia Trend 2015 list of “**Notable Georgians**” include, *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Publisher Amy Glennon, Actor Tyler Perry, NCR President Bill Nuti, Atlanta Braves President John Schuerholz, and Savannah College of Art and Design President Paula Wallace.

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