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**Outstanding Atlanta Celebrates 42 Years of Impeccable Leadership and Community Service**

*Honoring Mayor Kasim Reed, WSB-TV Anchor Monica Pearson, and Environmentalist Laura Turner Seydel*

**July 15, 2010 (ATLANTA) ---** This year marks a promising legacy of leadership as Outstanding Atlanta celebrates its 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary to honor three “outstanding” leaders – the **Honorable Mayor Kasim Reed**, **WSB-TV Anchor Monica Pearson**, and **Environmentalist Laura Turner Seydel**. Alumni and guests will celebrate at the Law Offices of Nelson Mullins (Atlantic Station) on July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Outstanding Atlanta is the City’s premier honor for community involvement. Formed in 1968, the organization annually recognizes ten young professionals between the ages of 21 and 36 for distinguishing themselves in their careers and service to Atlanta’s community.

For over four decades, Outstanding Atlanta and its honorees have demonstrated extraordinary leadership. Each year, three alums are selected for making an indelible mark in Atlanta’s history. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration will honor **Mayor Kasim Reed** with the *Outstanding Leadership Award*, recognizing his influence and ability to serve and lead on local, national, and international levels; **WSB-TV Anchor Monica Pearson** with the *Essence of Atlanta Award*, whose inspirational life and career defines the “essence” of an Atlanta citizen; and **Environmentalist Laura Turner Seydel** with the *Trailblazer Award* for her pioneering contributions to society and groundbreaking “green” service efforts.

“We are excited to celebrate 42 years of Outstanding Atlanta (OA),” said President Taft Quincey Heatley. “OA alumni have made an enormous impact towards the betterment of our beloved city. This year we honor three outstanding individuals for their service to our city, state, country and world. Their contributions to the City of Atlanta are both noteworthy and remarkable.”

To learn more about Outstanding Atlanta and its efforts to honor a pipeline of leaders committed to service, visit [www.outstandingatlanta.org](http://www.outstandingatlanta.org).

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