



2012 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Citation Award

NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad honored two Triad civic leaders, **Zaki Khalifa of High Point** and **Dr. Harold L. Martin Sr. of Kernersville**, with the 2012 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Citation Award on Thursday, November 8. The Citation Award Dinner, held this year at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center, also marked NCCJ's 75th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the ANYTOWN™ summer leadership institute.

"We are so pleased to honor Zaki Khalifa and Dr. Harold L. Martin Sr., two of the Piedmont Triad's most respected citizens, with the 2012 Citation Award," said NCCJ Executive Director Susan Feit. "These men have shown through personal example and their lives' work that all people deserve equal opportunities. They have focused on expanding horizons for their brothers and sisters throughout our community, no matter what their religion, race or ethnicity, and we are sincerely grateful to them for their service and commitment to diversity and inclusion."



Zaki Khalifa, owner of Zaki Oriental Rugs in High Point, has spent three decades building bridges of faith and understanding in Guilford County, across the nation and around the world. A native of Pakistan, he has overcome prejudice to stand proudly and teach others about his Muslim faith, particularly in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. An icon of humility and goodwill in the High Point community, he fosters the development of people of all cultures and beliefs through his support of a broad range of community initiatives, including the Chamber of Commerce, Foster Friends, Community Against Violence and the Al-Aqsa Community Clinic. He believes that the increasing diversity of Guilford County and the United States makes it all the more important for us to appreciate our neighbors of different religions and cultures.

[Watch video about Zaki Khalifa here](#)



Dr. Harold L. Martin Sr., chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University, has spent his career building educational opportunities for all young people. He takes a hands-on approach to teaching respect, diversity, inclusion and advocacy to students and has lectured widely on increasing the presence of under-represented groups in science and technology fields. With a focus on collaboration across all groups, he also challenges partners to confront their hidden prejudices. As chancellor at Winston-Salem State University, he transformed the facilities of the previously under-resourced campus, ensuring an excellent learning environment for his students while simultaneously increasing academic standards and opportunities. He has already made great strides in making N.C. A&T a pre-eminent institution of higher learning for its increasingly diverse student body.

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