23rd ANNUAL SEED AWARDS DINNER
SUNDAY, May 24th, 2015 at 6:30pm
Georgetown University Hotel & Conference Center
Washington DC

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SEED honors H.E Tsehafi Tizaz Aklilu Habtewold in acknowledgment of his outstanding life-long public service with integrity, in appreciation of his contribution to the modernization and development of Ethiopia (including building Ethiopia’s defense capability at the time), in connecting Ethiopian airlines to the rest of the world, in fighting against Italian aggression in his youth, for amicably resolving boarder conflicts with Ethiopia’s neighbors, for being instrumental to making Addis Ababa the home for the AU (OAU) headquarters, for bringing Ethiopia to the world stage by representing it with dignity and resolve in the UN, Europe, the US and Africa, and for his own academic accomplishments, demonstrated love of country.

SEED honors Artist, Mr. Tamagne Beyene, as a distinguished artist and activist for social justice, in appreciation of his dedication and courage to defending the freedom and civil rights of our people, as a founder and head of Global Alliance for the Rights of the underrepresented Ethiopians in the Middle East, for his unselfish devotion to the preservation of human rights, resilient interest in the defense of free speech & free press, in recognition of his many talents and stage presence, as a de-facto spokesperson on the pressing issues in our community & in defending the pride, unity and dignity of Ethiopia and Ethiopians and for his demonstrated love of country.

By their acts of kindness and vision, Mr. Yohannes Gebregeorgis and Ms. Jane Kurtz have appealed to our collective conscience to do good for others. By the nobility and courage of their efforts, they have enabled fellow Ethiopians to appreciate knowledge through reading and books, and because of it, to someday break away from the cycle of poverty. SEED Honors Mr. Yohannes Gebregeorgis and Mrs. Jane Kurtz as collaborative founders of Ethiopia Reads, an organization that brings books and libraries to rural Ethiopia, in appreciation of the rich and positive contributions they have made by exemplifying the highest ideals and standards education for our young people, as well as in recognition of their own inspiring academic excellence, prolific writings of children’s books, civic responsibilities and continuing the work respectively.

SEED honors Artist and Professor, Tesfaye Gessesse, in acknowledgment of his outstanding life-long contributions to the preservation of our culture through his prolific writings, theatrical and poetic talents, as a playwright whose work has inspired many followers of his work, as a founder of Orchestra Ethiopia, as a distinguished role model to the countless young artists in Ethiopia and Ethiopians around the globe, as a venerated teacher with his own stellar academic accomplishments and for all of his lifetime achievements.
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SEED honors Memhir Dr. Zebene Lemma in recognition of his peerless spiritual guidance to the young and old in the Diaspora communities, in acknowledgement of his efforts to help the needy, counsel the mentally challenged, comfort the sick and the neglected, promote Ethiopian history and culture around the globe, inspire academic excellence, civic responsibilities and continued service to the community.

Known to a great number of Ethiopians from the 1960s as a pioneer Voice of America Broadcaster, Professor Emeritus, Dr. Teshome Wagaw is also an outstanding scholar and exemplary role model to Ethiopians everywhere. Dr. Wagaw is loved and admired by many across generations. SEED honors Dr. Wagaw as a founding member of the Ethiopian Mahber of Michigan (EMM), co-founder of Ethiopian-American Education Foundation (EAF) which helps humanitarian and educational causes, in acknowledgement of his contribution to the development of higher education in Ethiopia (both as respected professor and author), in recognition of his own academic accomplishments, demonstrated patriotism, unselfish devotion to humanitarian causes, unfading interest and love of country.

SEED STUDENT HONOREES
Elizabeth Elsa Girma, Naomi Fesseha, Woudese Befikadu

MAP TO PARKING LOT P3 (FREE – IF OPEN) & DIRECTIONS
3800 Reservoir Road, NW Washington, DC 20057 202-687-3200 The Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center is located at the heart of the Georgetown University campus inside the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center.

From Northwest Maryland and points North on I-270:
1. Follow 270 South bound towards Washington, DC.
3. Continue onto Wisconsin Avenue, NW.
4. Make a right turn onto Reservoir Road.
5. Make a left turn into Entrance # 1.
6. Follow the road until it dead ends into an underground parking garage, which is the Leavey Center Parking garage.
7. Follow the signs to the elevators which will bring you up to the Conference Center Lobby.

From Washington DC:
1. Follow M Street NW towards the Key Bridge.
2. Continue onto Canal Road.
3. Stay in the right lane to continue onto Foxhall Road, NW.
4. You will make a right turn at Reservoir Road (there will be a Hospital sign at the light pointing to the right).
5. You will make a right turn into Entrance # 1, (it will be the second entrance into the hospital from the direction you are coming from).