



**For Immediate Release**

March 3, 2014

Media Contact: [info@emergescholarships.org](mailto:info@emergescholarships.org)

**Emerge Scholarships Luncheon Celebrates Fourteen Fabulous Women!**

**ATLANTA** – Emerge Scholarships, Inc., is a nonprofit organization providing academic scholarships to deserving women whose educations have been interrupted, who have overcome significant challenges and who give back to their communities. The organization has provided more than \$435,000 in academic scholarships to over 94 women throughout the past 12 years.

On February 25, 2014 Emerge honored 14 women with scholarships at their annual luncheon. The 2014 Emerge Scholarship recipients and their scholarship sponsors are:

- **Nicoletta Brown**, Baltimore, Maryland (Emerge Honorary Scholarship donated by Domino's Pizza and Mike Orcutt)
- **Patricia Clark**, Winterville, Georgia (Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation Scholarship)
- **Christina Dawsey**, Jacksonville, Florida (Emerge Honorary Scholarship donated by Steve Eaton)
- **Anne Gonzalez**, Dalton, Georgia (Bennett Thrasher Foundation Scholarship)
- **Mary Hill**, San Bernadino, California (Emerge Honorary Scholarship donated by Lisa Senters McDermott)
- **Sylidia Italiano**, Kennesaw, Georgia (Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation Scholarship)
- **Sarah Jackson**, Duluth, Georgia (Bennett Thrasher Foundation Scholarship)
- **Summer Javadi**, Marietta, Georgia (Virginia Carter Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Primerica)
- **Lauren Macbeth**, Warren, Rhode Island (Barbara Panton Scholarship donated by David Panton and Ashleigh Graham)
- **Cary Reed**, Watertown, Massachusetts (Spanx Foundation Scholarship)
- **Rachel Rogers**, Newnan, Georgia (Ferguson Family Scholarship donated by Dave Ferguson)
- **Nadine Teter**, Santa Clarita, California (Vikki Locke & Women in Media Honorary Scholarship granted by Emerge Scholarships)
- **Tierra Veney**, Marietta, Georgia (Barbara King Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Primerica)
- **Latrice Ware**, Ashburn, Virginia (Ann Lauer Kennedy Scholarship sponsored by Pannonius Foundation)

This annual luncheon sold out with over 240 attendees at the Atlanta History Center in Atlanta, Georgia. During the luncheon, inspirational stories were shared by past scholarship recipients Erika Abelard and Kayte Thomas, scholarship sponsor Andrea Lauer Rice and 2014 scholarship recipients Sarah Jackson and Sylidia Italiano. Master



of Ceremony Donna Adamo was extraordinary in promoting the recipients as well as engaging attendees in the power of their giving. The funds raised will go a long way towards scholarships that can promote the educational success of women who have overcome challenges

“Everyone attending the luncheon was deeply touched by the stories of our scholarship recipients,” commented Christine Newhart, chair of the Emerge Scholarship Board of Directors and Managing Partner of CASEA Partners, LLC. “Sponsors and attendees have the benefit of seeing first hand where their donations are applied and experiencing the difference they make in the lives of these remarkable women. ”

For more information on Emerge Scholarships, visit [www.emergescholarships.org](http://www.emergescholarships.org).

### **About Emerge**

Emerge was founded in 2001 and was granted 501(c) (3) status in 2002. Through academic scholarships, Emerge supports deserving women who have demonstrated a deep commitment to reaching their educational goals and who are giving back to their communities. Emerge is funded solely through corporate and individual contributions. Emerge empowers women to advance professionally and become economically self-sufficient – not only for themselves, but also for the benefit of their families and their communities. To apply for a scholarship, or to make a tax-exempt donation, visit [www.emergescholarships.org](http://www.emergescholarships.org).

###