MCDOWELL HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AT ANNUAL GRIDIRON DINNER

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At the 28th annual First State Gridiron Dinner and Show, retired Potter Anderson partner Charlie McDowell was honored with the group’s Community Service Award. Potter Anderson was a gold sponsor of the event.

Charlie’s commitment to community service is extensive and impressive. For example:

- CEO of EastSide Community Learning Center Foundation, which supports EastSide Charter School (of which he is the former board chair) and Charter School of New Castle (of which he is a director and former board president), both urban charter schools serving pre-K to 8th grade students
- Board chair of Riverside Renaissance Development Corporation heading up a significant neighborhood revitalization initiative
- Served on the boards of Delaware State University, Delaware’s historically black university; Zip Code Wilmington, Inc.; the Delaware Bar Foundation and Delaware State Bar Insurance Services, Inc. (of which he was a founding director and longtime president)
- Former director of WHYY, Inc. (Delaware Valley Public TV and Radio), Delaware Theater Company, Delaware Curative Workshop and New Castle County Economic Development Corporation

In recognition for giving back, Charlie received the Delaware Barristers Association’s 2014 “Excellence in Education Award” and the Delaware State Bar Association’s 2016 First State Distinguished Service Award for “exemplary leadership and service dedicated to the cause of good citizenship in civic and humanitarian service over a period of many years”; and in 2018 EastSide Charter’s Early Learning Academy was renamed the “Charles S. McDowell Early Learning Academy” in his honor.

For more information about the Delaware Gridiron Dinner and Show, visit the organization’s website.