

Local woman honored

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Georgia District Office has hand-selected Global Escapes owner

Tiffany Hines for the Women in Business Champion Award.

Hines was nominated for the award by Laura Katz, area director for the Small Business Development Center at the University of Georgia.

"Tiffany has stood out to me because she invests time and energy into her team members in order to help them achieve ever-elevating goals," Katz said. "In Tiffany's mind, there is always more to learn, more to achieve and more to do in order to help others."

Hines said that as an advocate for women in the workforce, Global Escapes mission is to enable women to have it all: a thriving career, a family and time for self-care.

Hines' mother, Ella Grondahl, started Global Escapes in 1988 when Hines was a student at the University of Georgia. Hines took the helm in 2008.

She is an active member of the Travel Agency Management Solutions group and is a past member of the Signature Travel Network's marketing and training committees.

She recently took home Travel Weekly's Magellan Award, as well as the Kaizen Award from her TAMS group.

She also is involved with the Junior League of Athens, The Oconee County Chamber of Commerce, and the American Heart Association.