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**Duke University and The University of Alabama Presented with NACCU’s J. Paul Melanson Award for Pioneering Apple Wallet Mobile Credential**

Phoenix, AZ – April 30, 2019 – NACCU is proud to announce that Duke University and The University of Alabama jointly received the prestigious J. Paul Melanson Award at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NACCU Conference in Hartford on April 10, 2019. Richard Tamborelli, NACCU 2018-2019 NACCU Board President, presented awards to Jeanine Brooks from The University of Alabama and Barton Lawyer from Duke University.

The J. Paul Melanson award is named in honor of one of the founders of NACCU. This award is presented to members our community who have spurred the growth of the campus card industry, been pioneers in campus cards, significantly and freely helped NACCU members to implement or advance systems on their campuses, or been instrumental in the growth and stability of NACCU. Recipients of this award are identified by the NACCU Board of Directors at their discretion and this award is not presented every year.

NACCU’s J. Paul Melanson award is presented in 2019 to two schools that have worked tirelessly to advance the development of a mobile credential that dropped to the Apple Wallet – clearly, an industry game-changer. These schools pushed the envelope to make implementation of this technology possible, from ideas, concepts, and direction, to internal campus development and scripting, to hands-on testing and programming.

The transition away from the standard infrastructure currently in place and designed for physical cards proved to be a challenge. However, student demand for a card to evolve from plastic to digital has never been greater. It was important to not only provide greater levels of security and effectiveness, but also deliver it in a convenient way as one is required to use it repeatedly throughout their time on campus.



**Richard Tamborelli, NACCU 2018-19 Board President;  
Jeanine Brooks, The University of Alabama;  
Barton Lawyer, Duke University**

As this technology continues to roll out at other universities, we recognize these two leaders within NACCU membership. The dedicated teams from Duke University and The University of Alabama are applauded, and NACCU is proud to recognize their accomplishments in pioneering this major turning point for the entire campus card industry.

### **About NACCU**

NACCU provides members access to a network of campus identification and transaction system resources to integrate and streamline campus operations, and enhance the student experience. NACCU's mission is to advance the position of higher education transaction and identity systems through professional development and leadership opportunities for its members to stay current in an ever-changing environment.

Learn more at [www.naccu.org](http://www.naccu.org).



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