Dorothy Norris-Tirrell, Ph.D., received the 2014 Donato J. Pugliese Award from the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA). The annual award is given to recognize service, leadership and commitments to the public service in the Southeast. Dr. Norris-Tirrell has served SECoPA in many capacities including board member, President, and, most recently, as a very successful chair of Endowment Committee.

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