

## Food Lion Names Antoine Grant 2013 Store Manager of the Year

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## THREE STORE MANAGERS ALSO RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Food Lion has named Antoine Grant its 2013 Store Manager of the Year. Grant, who is the store manager of the Food Lion located at 860 South Union Street in Concord, N.C., was selected from among a group of 1,113 store managers across the company.

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Grant joined Food Lion in 1997 as a bagger at just 16 years old. Since then, he has held positions of increasing responsibility throughout the store, including cashier, stocker, produce manager, grocery manager, assistant manager and now store manager. He resides in Charlotte, N.C., with his wife and son.

"Antoine is an excellent leader in his store, in the community and across the company," said Beth Newlands Campbell, president of Food Lion. "Through his leadership, he inspires his entire team of associates to care for our customers so that they want to keep shopping at Food Lion. In December, we held a re-grand opening at Antoine's store. It was evident that he had a special connection with his customers and associates."

Grant was honored at an annual event at Food Lion's headquarters in Salisbury, N.C., which was attended by his family and colleagues. Even Food Lion founder Ralph Ketner was present to congratulate Grant.

"It was an honor to meet Mr. Ketner," added Grant. "Because of his legacy, I have an opportunity to deliver on Food Lion's heritage of low prices and service."

In addition to Grant being selected as Food Lion's Store Manager of the Year, three store managers were recognized for exceptional leadership. The 2013 Division Store Manager Excellence Award recipients include:

- Selvedin Dokic, Store Manager at 3089 Mechanicsville Turnpike in Richmond, Va.
- Reggie Beamon, Store Manager at 1318 John Small Ave. in Washington, N.C.
- Rhonda Mauldin, Store Manager at 1004 W. Georgia Rd. in Simpsonville, S.C.

Food Lion's Store Manager Excellence Awards recognize and honor exceptional Store Managers who enrich the lives of Food Lion customers, associates, and the communities we serve, as well as successfully lead our business, and support and inspire others.

## **About Food Lion**

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., is a company of Delhaize America, the U.S. division of Brussels-based Delhaize Group (NYSE: DEG). Food Lion, with a longstanding heritage of low prices and convenient locations, operates more than 1,100 supermarkets in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states, and employs approximately 57,000 associates. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.foodlion.com">www.foodlion.com</a>.

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