

# 2008 Florida Awards of Excellence

GAINESVILLE — Results from the 2008 Florida Awards of Excellence media contest, conducted by the North Central Florida chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Awards were presented at an awards banquet Jan. 17, 2009 at Clarion Gainesville Hotel West.

## ALL MEDIA

**Public service:** Orlando Business Journal

**Young Journalist of the Year:** Evan Benn, The Miami Herald

**Journalist of the Year:** Francisco Alvarado, Miami New Times

**Multimedia Presentation of the Year:** The News-Press

## NEWSPAPERS

### DAILY

#### General Reporting, Single Story

**A:** 1. Liam Dillon, Naples Daily News; 2. (tie) Nathan Crabbe, The Gainesville Sun; and Megan Rolland, The Gainesville Sun

**B:** 1. Jim Schoettler, The Florida Times-Union; 2. Paul Pinkham, The Florida Times-Union; 3. Matt Galnor, The Florida Times-Union

#### General Reporting, Series

**A:** 1. Stephen Price, Tallahassee Democrat; 2. Matt Clark, Naples Daily News; 3. Neil Hughes, Charlotte Sun

**B:** 1. Timothy J. Gibbons, Mary Kelli Palka, The Florida Times-Union

#### Spot News, General

**A:** 1. Matt Clark, Naples Daily News; 2. Karen Voyles, The Gainesville Sun

**B:** 1. Erika Beras, David Ovalle and Kathleen McGrory, The Miami Herald; 2. Tia Mitchell, The Florida Times-Union; 3. Jim Schoettler, The Florida Times-Union

#### Feature, Deadline

**A:** 1. Liam Dillon, Naples Daily News; 2. Matt Clark, Naples Daily News; 3. Diane Chun, The Gainesville Sun

**B:** 1. Konrad Marshall, The Florida Times-Union; 2. Audrey Parente, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Bridget Murphy, The Florida Times-Union

**Feature, Non-Deadline**

**A:** 1. Matt Clark, Naples Daily News; 2. Tracy Miguel, Naples Daily News; 3. David Donald, The Daily Commercial

**B:** 1. Konrad Marshall, The Florida Times-Union

**Investigative Reporting**

**A:** 1. Amy Williams, The News-Press; 2. Lise Fisher & Amy Reinink, The Gainesville Sun; 3. Staff, Tallahassee Democrat

**B:** 1. Mary Kelli Palka, The Florida Times-Union

**Team Effort**

**A:** 1. Tallahassee Democrat; 2. The Gainesville Sun

**B:** 1. The Florida Times-Union

**Business Reporting**

**A:** 1. Matt Clark, Naples Daily News; 2. Anthony Clark, The Gainesville Sun; 3. Mary Wozniak, The News-Press

**B:** 1. Matt Galnor, The Florida Times-Union

**Serious Column Writing**

**A:** 1. Deron Snyder, The News-Press; 2. John Hackworth, Charlotte Sun

**B:** 1. Mark Woods, The Florida Times-Union; 2. Tonyaa Weathersbee, The Florida Times-Union

**Sports Column**

**A:** 1. Deron Snyder, The News-Press

**Arts/Entertainment Reporting**

**A:** 1. Bill Dean, The Gainesville Sun

**B:** 1. Konrad Marshall, The Florida Times-Union

**Religion Reporting**

**A:** 1. Liam Dillon, Naples Daily News; 2. Taylor Vernarsky, The Daily Commercial

**Travel Writing**

**A:** 1. Bill Dean, The Gainesville Sun

**Environmental Reporting**

**A:** 1. Nathan Crabbe, The Gainesville Sun; 2. David Donald, The Daily Commercial

**B:** 1. David Hunt and Steve Patterson, The Florida Times-Union

**Education Reporting**

**A:** 1. Jennifer Portman, Tallahassee Democrat; 2. Matt Clark, Naples Daily News; 3. Matt Clark, Naples Daily News

**B:** 1. Bridget Murphy, The Florida Times-Union; 2. Kathleen McGrory, The Miami Herald; 3. Tia Mitchell, The Florida Times-Union

**Editorial**

**B:** 1. Joe Adams, The Florida Times-Union

### **Editorial Cartoon**

**A:** 1. Doug MacGregor, The News-Press; 2. Doug MacGregor, The News-Press; 3. Doug MacGregor, The News-Press

### **Photography**

#### **Breaking News**

**A:** 1. John David, The News-Press; 2. Glenn Bell, Tallahassee Democrat

**B:** 1. Bob Shelf, The Florida Times-Union

#### **Feature**

**A:** 1. Andrew West, The News-Press; 2. Keri Rasmussen, The Daily Commercial

#### **Sports Action**

**B:** 1. Bob Shelf, The Florida Times-Union; 2. Rick Wilson, The Florida Times-Union; 3. Will Dicky, The Florida Times-Union

#### **Photo Illustration**

**A:** 1. Stephen Hayford, The News-Press; 2. Keri Rasmussen, The Daily Commercial

**B:** 1. Jon Fletcher, The Florida Times-Union; 2. Jon Fletcher, The Florida Times-Union

#### **News Photo Essay**

**A:** 1. The News-Press staff

**B:** 1. Bob Shelf, The Florida Times-Union

#### **Feature Photo Essay**

**A:** 1. Keri Rasmussen, The Daily Commercial

#### **Slide show**

**A:** 1. Julian Pecquet, Tallahassee Democrat

**B:** 1. Jon Fletcher, The Florida Times-Union; 2. Rick Wilson, The Florida Times-Union; 3. Bob Shelf, The Florida Times-Union

### **Design and copy edition**

#### **Feature Front Design**

**A:** 1. Lindi Daywalt-Feazel, The News-Press

**B:** 1. Gary T. Mills, The Florida Times-Union; 2. Allison Powers, The Florida Times-Union; 3. Erin Patterson, The Florida Times-Union

#### **Sports Front Design**

**A:** 1. Robyn George, The News-Press

#### **Special Page Design**

**A:** 1. Adam Parker, The News-Press

**B:** 1. Anna Berken, Monty Zickuhr, The Florida Times-Union

#### **Graphic Design**

**A:** 1. Scott Sleeper, The News-Press

**B:** 1. Anna Berken, Florida Times-Union; 2. Patrick Garvin, The Florida Times-Union

**Special Section**

**A:** 1. Adam Parker, The News-Press; 2. Marie Merchant, SunCoast Media Group

**NON-DAILY**

**General Reporting, Single story**

1. Francisco Alvarado, Miami New Times; 2. Deirda Funcheon, New Times, Broward-Palm Beach; 3. Janine Zeitlin, Miami New Times

**General Reporting, Series**

1. Isaiah Thompson, Miami New Times; 2. Anjali Fluker, Chris Kauffmann, Dan Ping, Tiffany Beck, Bob Mervine, Bill Orben, Orlando Business Journal; 3. Bill Orben, Anjali Fluker, Denise Hicks, Dan Ping, Chris Kauffmann, Tiffany Beck, Orlando Business Journal

**Feature, Non-Deadline**

1. Ashley Harrell, New Times, Broward-Palm Beach; 2. Calvin Godfrey, Miami New Times; Quentin Roux, Marco Island Eagle

**Business Reporting**

1. Deirdra Funcheon, New Times, Broward-Palm Beach; 2. Bill Orben, Denise Hicks, Anjali Fluker, Chris Kauffman, Dan Ping, Tiffany Beck, Orlando Business Journal; 3. Bill Orben, Tiffany Beck, Anjali Fluker, Dan Ping, Chris Kauffmann, Orlando Business Journal

**Humorous Column Writing**

1. As Told to Edmund Newton, New Times-Broward-Palm Beach; 2. Quentin Roux, Marco Eagle; 3. Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal

**Series Column Writing**

1. Chuck Strouse, Miami New Times

**Sports Reporting, non-deadline**

1. Amy Guthrie, New Times, Broward-Palm Beach; 2. Marie Sarmento, Boca Raton News; 3. Michael J. Mooney, New Times, Broward-Palm Beach

**Arts/entertainment reporting**

1. Mark Howell, Solares Hill; 2. Jonathan Cunningham, New Times, Broward-Palm Beach; 3. Arielle Castillo, Miami New Times

**Religion reporting**

1. Jennifer Knight-Ari, East Orlando Sun; 2. Tamara Lush, Miami New Times; 3. Amy Guthrie, New Times, Broward-Palm Beach

**Travel writing**

1. Quentin Roux, Marco Eagle

**Environmental reporting**

1. Isaiah Thompson, Miami New Times; 2. Dan Ping, Orlando Business Journal; 3. Kelly Farrell, Marco Eagle

**Education reporting**

1. Francisco Alvarado, Miami New Times; 2. Jennifer Knight-Ari, East Orlando Sun; 3. Deirdra Funcheon, New Times, Broward-Palm Beach

**Editorial**

1. Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal; 2. Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal; John Burr, Jacksonville Business Journal

**Photography**

**Feature**

1. Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal; 2. Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal

**Feature photo essay**

1. James Crichlow, Jacksonville Business Journal

**Photo illustration**

1. Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal

**Design and copy editing**

**Front page design**

1. Carolyn Consider, Orlando Business Journal; 2. Diane Pimentel, Jacksonville Business Journal

**Special page design**

1. Nadine Ouillette, Marco Eagle; 2. Carolyn Consider, Orlando Business Journal; 3. Nadja Hansen, Solares Hill

**Headline writing**

1. Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal; 2. Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal

**Graphic design**

1. Nadja Hansen, Solares Hill; 2. Brenda Raza, East Orlando Sun; 3. Carolyn Consider, Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal

**MAGAZINES**

**Best Overall Magazine**

1. Gainesville Magazine; 2. Ocala Magazine (Rescinded); 3. Grandeur Magazine

**Best Web site**

1. Ocala Style

**Best Written Magazine**

1. Ocala Magazine (Rescinded); 2. Gainesville Magazine

**Best Feature**

1. Karin Fabry-Cushenbery, Ocala Style; 2. Cynthia McFarland, Ocala Style; 3. Mary Ann DeSantis, Lake & Sumter Style

**Best Feature Headlines**

1. Dean Blinkhorn, Lake & Sumter Style; 2. Staff, Orlando Business Journal

**Best Editorial/Commentary/Opinion**

1. Buddy Martin, Ocala Style; 2. Mary Ann Desantis, Lake & Sumter Style

**Best Column**

1. Dean Blinkhorn, Ocala Style; 2. Cindy Banth, Orlando Business Journal

**Best Humor Column/Feature**

1. Heather Lee, Ocala Magazine (Rescinded); 2. Dean Blinkhorn, Lake & Sumter Style;  
3. Dean Blinkhorn, Trevor Byrne, Ocala Style

**Best Public Service Coverage**

1. Heather Lee, Ocala Magazine (Rescinded)

**Best Overall Design**

1. Rob Mack, Gainesville Magazine; 2. (tie) Trevor Byrne, Ocala Style; and Steve Codraro, Ocala Style; 3. Cheryl Bence, Orlando Business Journal

**Best Overall Use of Photography**

1. Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal

**Best Cover**

1. Jamie Mark, Josh Clark, Ocala Magazine; 2. Trevor Byrne, Andy Stracuzzi, Ocala Style

**Best Feature Design**

1. Mitch Carnes, Ocala Style; 2. Mitch Carnes, Ocala Style; 3. Steve Codraro, Ocala Style

**Best Photo Illustration**

1. Marcell Rowe, Ocala Style; 2. Trevor Byrne, Ocala Style

**Best Single, Original Color Photo**

1. John Jernigan, Ocala Style; 2. William Miller, Ocala Style

**Best Photo Essay**

1. Jamie Mark, Richard Rossetto, Ocala Magazine; 2. Judge Cochran, Ocala Style

**TELEVISION**

**Deadline Reporting**

**A:** 1. Dan Breitwieser, WCJB, Gainesville; 2. Laurie Dorsett, WTXL, Tallahassee

**B:** 1. Nadia Ramdass, WFTS, Tampa; 2. Elizabeth Alvarez, WOFL, Orlando; 3. Nadia Ramdass, WFTS, Tampa

**General Reporting**

**A:** 1. Dan Breitwieser, WCJB, Gainesville; 2. Noah Pransky, WZVN, Fort Myers; 3. Dan Breitwieser, WCJB, Gainesville

**B:** 1. Sarina Fazan, Eric Moore, WFTS, Tampa

**General Reporting - series**

**A:** 1. Stacey Samuel, WCJB, Gainesville

**B:** 1. Sarina Fazan, Kyle Cote, Matt McGlashen, WFTS, Tampa

**Feature Reporting - light**

**A:** 1. Kyle Jordan, WINK, Fort Myers; 2. Rosemary Connors, WFTX, Cape Coral

**B:** 1. Scott Fais, Tampa Bay on Demand; 2. Julia Yarbough, WTVJ, Miami; 3. Nadia Ramdass, WFTS, Tampa

**Feature Reporting - serious**

**A:** 1. Stacey Samuel, WCJB, Gainesville

**B:** 1. Sarina Fazan, Kyle Cote, Matt McGlashen, WFTS, Tampa

**Sports reporting**

**A:** 1. Noah Pransky, WZVN, Fort Myers; 2. Amanda Decker, WCJB, Gainesville

**B:** 1. Julia Yarbough, WTVJ, Miami

**Sports special**

**A:** 1. Chris May, Chris Price, Hank Astengo, WCJB, Gainesville

**Weather reporting**

**B:** 1. Rob Eicher, WKMG, Orlando

**Business reporting**

**A:** 1. Noah Pransky, WZVN, Fort Myers

**Investigative reporting**

**A:** 1. Dan Breitwieser, WCJB, Gainesville

**B:** 1. Doug Smith, Lisa Blegeu, Craig Davisson, WTVT, Tampa

**Consumer reporting**

**B:** 1. Craig Cross, Eric Seidel, Jeff Schlessler, WTVT, Tampa

**Special/documentary**

**A:** 1. Stacey Samuel, WCJB, Gainesville

**Newscast**

**A:** 1. Chris May, WCJB, Gainesville; 2. Amanda Decker, WCJB, Gainesville

**Photography Serious Feature**

**B:** 1. Craig Davisson, WTVT, Tampa

**Photography Light Feature**

**A:** 1. Jason Nguyen, WINK, Fort Myers

**B:** 1. Scott A. Fais, Central Florida On Demand, Orlando

**General Editing**

**B:** 1. Craig Cross, WTVT, Tampa; 2. Scott A. Fais, Central Florida On Demand, Orlando

**Best Web site**

1. Orlando Business Journal