

2009 Florida Awards of Excellence Results

Overall Categories

Category 1 - Public Service

First Place— Chris Kauffmann, Orlando Business Journal
Pier Pressure

Judge's comments: Insightful exploration of the issue. Good supporting data.

Category 2 - Young Journalist of the Year

First Place - Robert Samuels, The Miami Herald

Second Place – Kathleen McGrory, The Miami Herald

Third Place - Richard Bilbao, Orlando Business Journal

Newspaper Division A

Category 5 – General Reporting

First Place –Kaustuv Basu, Florida Today

Category 6 - General Reporting, Series

First Place— Nirvi Shah, The Miami Herald

Category 22 –Education Reporting

First Place— Kaustuv Basu, Florida Today

Newspaper Division B

Category 6 – General Reporting - Series

First Place – Kathleen McGrory, The Miami Herald

Judge's comments: Clear, compelling writing. In-depth coverage of an important subject.

Category 23 – Editorial

First Place – Joe Adams, Florida Times Union

Police Shootings

Judge's comments: Questions raised, actions recommended. Strong editorial.

Category 24 – Editorial Cartoon

First Place– Ed Gamble, The Florida Times Union

Newspaper – Division C

Category 46 - Feature, non-deadline

First Place– Richard Bilbao, Orlando Business Journal
Real Business Nightmares

Category 47 – Business Reporting

First Place - "Pier Pressure," Chris Kauffmann.

Second Place - "Pearlman Predicament," Christopher Boyd, Richard Bilbao, Chris Kauffmann and Anjali Fluker.

Third Place - "Jobs, Jobs, Jobs," Christopher Boyd, Melanie Stawicki Azam, Bill Orben, Denise Hicks and Richard Bilbao.

Category 54 – Travel Writing

First Place – Christopher Boyd, Orlando Business Journal
Brave New World

Category 55 - Environmental Reporting

First Place – Bill Orben, Orlando Business Journal
Private Wells

Category 56 – Education Reporting

First Place– Melanie Stawicki Azam, Orlando Business Journal
Judge's comment: Good supporting data

Category 57 - Editorial

First Place – Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal

Insurance House of Cards

Category 60 - Feature Photo Essay

First Place – Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal
IAPPA

Category 62 – Photo Illustration

First Place– Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal
Women Who Mean Business

Category 65 - Front Page Design

First Place– Carolyn Consider, Orlando Business Journal
Judge’s comments: Clean, good art

Category 66 – Special Page Design

First Place - Carolyn Consider, Orlando Business Journal
Retail Therapy

Category 68 – Graphic Design

First Place – Carolyn Consider, Orlando Business Journal
Judge’s comments: Eye-catching art, especially like type face on “Nightmares”

Magazines:

Category 69 - Best Overall

First Place – Staff, Executive Living Magazine / Orlando Business Journal

Judge’s comments: Attractive and clean. Eye-catching photography. Interesting profiles of local personalities.

Category 70 - Best Web site

First – Jason Fugate, Ocala Style Magazine

Category 71 - Best Written Magazine

First Place – Dean Blinkhorn, Editor, Ocala Style Magazine

Judge's comments: Blinkhorn's columns are bright, well-written. We suspect his talent and influence carries throughout the publication.

Second Place – Staff, Orlando Business Journal

Category 72 – Best Feature

First Place: Dean Blinkhorn, Lake & Sumter Style Magazine.

"Lake & Sumter on YouTube."

Second Place: JoAnn Guidry, Ocala Style Magazine

"Real-Life Action Heroes."

Third Place: JoAnn Guidry, Lake & Sumter Style Magazine

"The Forest."

Category 73 – Best Feature Headlines

First Place – Dean Blinkhorn, Ocala Style Magazine

Judge's comment: We love Kilowatt Cops, and what you did with color on the pull quote.

Second Place– Staff, Executive Style Magazine / Orlando Business Journal

Category 74 – Best Editorial

First – Mary Ann DeSantis, Lake and Sumter Magazine

Second – No award

Category 75 - Best Column

First Place– Dean Blinkhorn, Lake and Sumter Style Magazine

Second Place – Mary Ann DeSantis, Lake and Sumter Style Magazine

Third Place– Cindy Barth, Executive Living Magazine / Orlando Business Journal

Category 76 – Best Humor Column - Magazines

First Place–Dean Blinkhorn, Lake and Sumter Style Magazine

Second Place– Cindy Barth, Executive Living Magazine / Orlando Business Journal

Category 77 – Best Public Service Coverage

First Place: Dean Blinkhorn and Kristina Kolesa, Ocala Style Magazine and Lake & Sumter Style Magazine

For a series of interviews with key local people spotlighting the education and economic crises. The interviews highlighted advice to readers and explored possible solutions.

Second and Third place: No awards.

Category 78 – Best Overall Design

First Place – Trevor Byrne, Ocala Style Magazine

Judge's comment: Edgy, not afraid to take risks with eye-catching art

Second Place –Cheryl Bence, Executive Living Magazine, Orlando Business Journal

Category 79 - Best Overall Use of Photography

First Place– Trevor Byrne, Ocala Style Magazine

Judge's comment: Overall good photos. Like the night photo of Mark's Prime Steakhouse.

Second Place – Jim Carchidi, Executive Living Magazine / Orlando Business Journal

Judge's comment: Good photos of Nunziata and family.

Category 80 – Best Cover

First Place - Trevor Byrne, Lake & Sumter Style Magazine, Fall Arts Section

A simply striking cover dominated by a wonderful piece of art. Nice use of color, contrast and balance.

Second Place - John Jernigan, Ocala Style Magazine, Action Heroes

Third Place - Richard Wise, Lake & Sumter Style Magazine, Pow Wow

Category 81 - Best Illustration

First Place –Mitch Carnes, Ocala Style Magazine (Idol Dreams)

Second Place – Adam Evans/ Cheryl Bence, Executive Living Magazine / Orlando Business Journal

Third Place– Mitch Carnes, Lake and Sumter Style Magazine (You Tube)

Category 82 – Best Feature Design

First Place: Mitch Carnes, Ocala Style Magazine, "Real-Life Action Heroes"

Mitch Carnes had several strong entries. His designs have energy and life. He has an excellent grasp of the use of color, typography, balance and contrast.

Second Place: Mitch Carnes, Ocala Style Magazine, "Hot List"

An interesting, lively design that keeps readers' eyes moving.

Third Place: Cheryl Bence, Orlando Business Journal

Her nice use of white space creates a fitting personality for the layout.

Category 83- Best Photo Illustration

First Place— Adam Evans, Jim Carchidi, Cheryl Bence, Executive Style Magazine / Orlando Business Journal

Second Place— Marci Sandler, Ocala Style Magazine

Category 84 - Best Single, Original Color Photo

First Place— John Jernigan, Ocala Style Magazine

Judge's Comment: Very nice. Don't know how you kept the camera steady, given the demeanor of the dog!

Second Place— Richard D. Wise, Lake and Sumter Style Magazine

Judge's Comment: Both photos are good. We would have reversed the inset photo and the lead.

Third Place— Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal

Category 86 - Best Photo Essay

First Place— Jim Carchidi, Executive Living Magazine / Orlando Business Journal

Television :

Category 88 – General Reporting

1st Place - Matt McConico, WINK-TV, "James Joseph Richardson: Guilty Until Proven Innocent"

Nice job making this issue come to life through James Joseph Richardson's story.

2nd Place – Jordan Smith, WCJB TV20, "Missing Driver"

Category 89 – General Reporting - Series

1st Place – Matt McConico, WINK-TV, “James Joseph Richardson: Guilty Until Proven Innocent”

Category 90 – Feature Reporting – Serious

1st Place – Matt McConico, WINK-TV, “James Joseph Richardson: Guilty Until Proven Innocent”

Category 91 – Feature Reporting – Light

1st Place – Jordan Smith, WCJB TV20, “Sandcastle By The Sea”

Fun story. Nice standup.

Category 89B – General Reporting Series

1st Place – Sarina Fazan , WFTS-TV, “Loss of Innocence”

Excellent follow-up reporting showing the impact of the crime on not just the victim and her family, but also friends, the paramedics and even community members at large.

Great job getting answers and action from all the players - from the insurance company to the politicians and to community members trying to help in any way possible.

Where does this case stand in the court system? Would have liked to know more about that aspect of the story.

Category 94 – Weather Reporting

1st Place – Erica Rodriguez & Patricia Corn, WCJB TV20, “North Central Florida Floods”

I really liked the story with the couple who own the motel in Suwannee and, the one on the Subway shop lady. The specifics in those stories really personalized the problem.

Category 95 – Weather Reporting

1st Place – Lissette Gonzalez, WFOR-CBS4, June 5, 2009

Nice job incorporating several elements, including the towercam vid of lightning and then showing the tips on what to do in a lightning storm.

2nd Place – Lissette Gonzalez, WFOR-CBS4, June 23, 2009

3rd Place – Lissette Gonzalez, WFOR-CBS4, August 18, 2009

The audio was overmodulated on the dvd dub I had.

Category 96 – Investigative Reporting

1st Place – Matt McConico, WINK-TV, “James Joseph Richardson: Guilty Until Proven Innocent”

2nd Place – Erica Rodriguez, WCJB TV20, “Costly Criminals”

Nice work looking into a problem faced by many counties across the country.

Category 106 – General Editing

1st Place – Matt McConico & Brad Dotson, WINK-TV, “James Joseph Richardson: Guilty Until Proven Innocent”

Nice use of nat sound and creative shooting, since broll was a challenge.

Radio Awards

Category 108 - General Reporting – Series

First Place

WINK

“Hurricane Charley: Five Years Later”

Category 109 - Spot News

First Place

WINK

“A.M. House Fire”

Category 110- Features – Light

First Place

WINK

“Not Forgetting & Not Living In The Past: Hurricane Charley Five Years Later”

Category 111- Features– Serious

First Place

WINK

“Rebuild, Recover & Ressurrection: Hurricane Charley Five Years Later”

Category 117 - Best Newscast

First Place

WINK

“Newscast – August 4, 2009”