

# 2007 Florida Awards of Excellence

GAINESVILLE — Results from the 2007 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 on Jan. 12, 2008 at the Clarion Gainesville Hotel West.

## ALL MEDIA

**Public Service:** Florida Times-Union

**Young Journalist of the Year:** Kathleen McGrory, Miami Herald

**Journalist of the Year:** Joe Adams, Florida Times-Union

**Multimedia Presentation of the Year:** WMBB News 13 Panama City

## NEWSPAPERS

### General Reporting, Single Story

B: 1. Beth Kormanik, Florida Times-Union; 2. Cindy F. Crawford, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Seth Robbins, Daytona Beach News-Journal

### General Reporting, Series

A: 1. Robin Adams, The Ledger; 2. Gary White, The Ledger

B: 1. Staff, Florida Times-Union; 2. Dinah Pulver, Daytona Beach News-Journal

### Spot News – General

A: 1. Marilyn M. Aciego, The Daily Commercial

B: 1. Bridget Murphy, Florida Times-Union; 2. Evan Benn, Miami Herald; 3. Evan Benn, Miami Herald

### Feature, deadline

A: 1. David Donald, The Daily Commercial; 2. Lashonda Stinson, Ocala Star-Banner

B: 1. Derek Catron, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Lyda Longa, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Mark Woods, Florida Times-Union

### Feature, non-deadline

A: 1. Gary White, The Ledger; 2. Gary White, The Ledger; 3. Aurora Rodriguez, The Ledger

B: 1. Ray Weiss, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Lin Young, St. Petersburg Times

### Investigative Reporting

B: 1. Staff, Florida Times-Union; 2. Melissa Griggs, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Scott Wyland, Daytona Beach News-Journal

### Team Effort

A: 1. Staff, The Ledger; 2. Staff, The Ledger

B: 1. Staff, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Staff, Daytona Beach News-Journal

### Business Reporting

A: 1. Jeremy Maready, The Ledger

B: 1. Melissa Griggs, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. M.C. Moewe, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Seth Robbins, Daytona Beach News-Journal

### Humorous Column Writing

B: 1. Mark Woods, Florida Times-Union; 2. Mark Lane, Daytona Beach News-Journal

### Serious Column Writing

B: 1. Pierre Tristam, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Mark Woods, Florida Times-Union; 3. Rick de Yampert, Daytona Beach News-Journal

### Sports Column

B: 1. Brent Woronoff, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Sports Reporting – Non-deadline**

A: 1. Mike Cobb, The Ledger

B: 1. Steve Master, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Sean Kernan, Daytona Beach News Journal; 3. Godwin Kelly, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Arts/Entertainment Writing**

A: 1. Josh Korr, Tampa Bay Times

B: 1. Josh Korr, St. Petersburg Times

**Religion Reporting**

A: 1. Cary McMullen, The Ledger; 2. Roxanne Brown, The Daily Commercial

B: 1. Jeff Brumley, Florida Times-Union; 2. Jim Haug, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Travel Writing**

A: 1. Gary White, The Ledger

**Environmental Reporting**

A: 1. David Donald, The Daily Commercial

B: 1. Dinah Pulver, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Education Reporting**

B: 1. Mark Harper, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Nirvi Shah, Miami Herald; 3. Tia Mitchell, Florida Times-Union

**Editorial**

A: 1. John William Johnson, Boca Raton News

B: 1. Joe Adams, Florida Times-Union; 2. David Wiggins, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Krys Fluker, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Editorial cartoon**

A: 1. Jake Fuller, Gainesville Sun

B: 1. Ed Gamble, Florida Times-Union; 2. Bruce Beattie, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Photography****Breaking News**

A: 1. Ernst Peters, The Ledger; 2. Ernst Peters, The Ledger; 3. Matt Sowers, The Daily Commercial

B: 1. Ji-Eun Lee, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Feature**

A: 1. Matt Sowers, The Daily Commercial; 2. Paul Johnson, The Ledger

B: 1. Jessica Webb Sibley, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Sports Action**

A: 1. Matt Sowers, The Daily Commercial

B: 1. Chad Pilster, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Chad Pilster, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Chad Pilster, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Photo Illustration**

A: 1. Keri Rasmussen, The Daily Commercial

B: 1. Justin Yurkanin, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**News Photo Essay**

B: 1. Ji-Eun Lee, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Jim Tiller, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Jessica Webb Sibley, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Feature Photo Essay**

A: 1. Keri Rasmussen, The Daily Commercial

B: 1. Justin Yurkanin, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Jim Tiller, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Front Page Design**

A: 1. Richard Burgos, Ocala Star-Banner

B: 1. Troy Moore, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Kelly Markowitz, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Scott Turick, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Local Front Design**

B: 1. Jennifer Cason, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Feature Front Design**

B: 1. Amanda Cortright and Michael Haun, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Laurie Sterbens, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. Amanda Cortright, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Business Front Design**

A: 1. Laurie Lawrence, The Ledger

B: 1. Sue Pearson, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Sports Front Design**

B: 1. George Hanns, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 2. Rob Ullery, Daytona Beach News-Journal; 3. George Hanns, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Special Page Design**

A: 1. Richard Burgos, Ocala Star-Banner; 2. Jacob Hanson and Sharon Quinn, Ocala Star-Banner

B: 1. Kelly Ann Markowitz, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**News Headline Writing**

A: 1. Brian Thornton, Ocala Star-Banner; 2. Bill Brauckmuller, Ocala Star-Banner; 3. Bill Brauckmuller, Ocala Star-Banner

**Graphic Design**

B: 1. Scott Hiestand, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**Special Section**

A: 1. Steve Moore, Sharon Quinn, Ocala Star-Banner

B: 1. Rob Moore and Rob Ullery, Daytona Beach News-Journal

**NON-DAILY****General Reporting, Single story**

1. Amy Guthrie, Broward-Palm Beach New Times; 2. Kim Cool, Venice Gondolier Sun; 3. Deirdra Funcheon, Broward-Palm Beach New Times

**General Reporting, Series**

1. Our Woman in Havana, Miami New Times; 2. Marie Logan, The Star

**Feature, non-deadline**

1. Gail Shepherd, Broward-Palm Beach New Times; 2. Dan Ping, Orlando Business Journal; 3. Megan Shannon, East Orlando Sun

**Business Reporting**

1. Isaiah Thompson, Miami New Times; 2. Chris Kauffmann, Orlando Business Journal; 3. Dan Ping, Orlando Business Journal

**Humorous Column Writing**

1. J.C. Carnahan, East Orlando Sun

**Serious Column Writing**

1. Chuck Strouse, Miami New Times; 2. J.C. Carnahan, East Orlando Sun

**Arts/Entertainment Reporting**

1. Jonathan Cunningham, Broward-Palm Beach New Times; 2. Brandon K. Thorp, Miami New Times; 3. Kim Cool, Venice Gondolier Sun

**Editorial**

1. Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal

**Photography****Feature**

1. Jim Carchidi, Orlando Business Journal

**Feature Photo Essay**

1. Marie Logan, The Star

## **Front Page Design**

1. Carolyn Consider, Orlando Business Journal

## **Special Page Design**

1. Despina Williams, The Star; 2. Kim Cool, Venice Gondolier Sun

## **Headline Writing**

1. Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal; 2. Cindy Barth, Orlando Business Journal; 3. Despina Williams, The Star

## **MAGAZINES**

### **Best Overall Magazine**

1. Key West Magazine; 2. Sarasota Magazine; 3. Ocala Magazine (Rescinded)

### **Best Web site**

1. Sarasota Magazine; 2. Lake & Sumter Style

### **Best Written Magazine**

1. Key West Magazine; 2. Sarasota Magazine; 3. Ocala Magazine (Rescinded)

### **Best Feature**

1. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine (Rescinded); 2. Heather Lee, Ocala Magazine (Rescinded); 3. Bill Semich, Key West Magazine

### **Best Feature Headlines**

1. Bill Semich, Key West Magazine; 2. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine; 3. Staff, Executive Living

### **Best Column**

1. Dean Blinkhorn, Lake & Sumter Style; 2. Buddy Martin, Ocala Style Magazine

### **Best Humor Column/Feature**

1. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine (Rescinded)

### **Best Public Service Coverage**

1. Johannes Werner, Biz941; 2. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine (Rescinded)

### **Best Overall Design**

1. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine; 2. Bill Semich, Key West Magazine; 3. Kristen Schaeffer-Santoni, Create Magazine

### **Best Overall Use of Photography**

1. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine; 2. Bill Semich, Key West Magazine; 3. Steve Codraro, Lake & Sumter Style

### **Best Cover**

1. Bill Semich, Key West Magazine (December 2006); 2. Steven Hlavac, Steve Codraro, Lake & Sumter Style; 3. Bill Semich, Key West Magazine (October 2006)

### **Best Illustration**

1. Mitch Carnes, Ocala Style Magazine; 2. Bill Semich, Key West Magazine; 3. Adam Evans, Cheryl Bence, Executive Living

### **Best Feature Design**

1. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Home; 2. Steve Codraro, Ocala Style Magazine (November 2006); 3. Steve Codraro, Ocala Style Magazine (September 2006)

### **Best Photo Illustration**

1. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Home; 2. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine; 3. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine

### **Best Single, Original Color Photo**

1. Larry Noller, Ocala Style Magazine; 2. Kent Weakley, Lake & Sumter Style; 3. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, Ocala Magazine

### **Best Single, Original B&W Photo**

1. Kent Weakley, Ocala Style Magazine

## **Best Photo Essay**

1. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, "Portraits Cubano," Ocala Magazine; 2. Heather Lee, Jamie Mark, "Aftermath," Ocala Magazine; 3. Bill Semich, "Best Mate," Key West Magazine

## **TELEVISION**

### **Deadline reporting**

A: 1. Nadia Ramdass, WINK-TV, Fort Myers; 2. Mark Jenkins, WMBB News-13, Panama City

B: 1. Erik von Ancken, Alfred Mason, WKMG-TV, Orlando

### **General Reporting (one report)**

A: 1. Mark Jenkins, WMBB News-13, Panama City; 2. David Hamilton, WCJB-TV, Gainesville; 3. Stacey Samuel, WCJB-TV, Gainesville

B: 1. Scott Fais, Central Florida News 13, Orlando; 2. Elizabeth Alvarez, WOFL-TV, Orlando

### **General Reporting, Series**

A: 1. Anne Imanuel, WCJB-TV, Gainesville; 2. Nadia Ramdass, WINK-TV, Fort Myers

B: 1. Elizabeth Alvarez, WOFL-TV, Orlando

### **Feature Reporting, Serious**

A: 1. Nathalie Pozo, WCJB-TV, Gainesville

B: 1. Jennifer Santiago, WBFS-TV, Miami; 2. Scott Zamost, Frank Adelson, Steve Paine, WTVJ-TV Miami; 3. Victor Blackwell, WTLV/WJXX Jacksonville

### **Feature Reporting, Light**

A: 1. David Hamilton, WCJB-TV Gainesville; 2. Stacey Samuel, WCJB-TV Gainesville; 3. Amy Hoyt, WMBB News 13-TV Panama City

B: 1. Kelley Dunn, Charlene Maville, Kate Wentley, Bonnie Billing, WPTV West Palm Beach; 2. Emily Pantelides, WJXT-TV Jacksonville

### **Sports Reporting, one report**

A: 1. David Hamilton, WCJB-TV Gainesville; 2. Greg Bilazarian, WCJB-TV Gainesville

### **Sports Special**

A: 1. Mike Smith, WCTV Tallahassee

### **Investigative Reporting**

A: 1. Nadia Ramdass, WINK-TV Fort Myers; 2. Dan Breitwieser, WCJB-TV Gainesville; 3. Tuquyen Mach, WMBB News 13-TV Panama City

B: 1. Jeff Burnside, Scott Zamost, Pedro Cancio, Ed Garcia, WTVJ-TV Miami; 2. Shannon Cake, Israel Perez, Jim Sitton, Dave Peterson, WPTV-TV West Palm Beach; 3. Mark Douglas, Katy Hennig, WFLA-TV Tampa

### **Consumer Reporting**

A: 1. Nadia Ramdass, WINK-TV Fort Myers; 2. Jerry Brown, WMBB-TV Panama City

### **Special/Documentary**

B: 1. Shannon Cake, Israel Perez, Jim Sitton, Dave Peterson, WPTV –TV West Palm Beach; 2. (tie) Scott Fais, Central Florida News 13 Orlando; Bruce Hamilton, WJXT-TV Jacksonville

### **Newscast**

A: 1. Amanda Decker, Victoria Lyons, Veronica Lytle, WCJB-TV Gainesville; 2. Lauren Dorsett, WTXL-TV Tallahassee

### **Photography Light Feature (one report)**

A: 1. Zach Johnson, Mark Jenkins, WMBB News 13-TV Panama City

### **General Editing**

B: 1. Scott Fais, Central Florida News 13 Orlando

### **Best Web Site**

1. Orlando Business Journal; 2. WMBB; 3. Daytona Beach News-Journal